MAPUTO (AP) - Leaders of nine southern African nations heard a somber keynote speech Friday during a one-day summit conference focusing on how to reduce economic dependence on South Africa. Quett Masire, president of Botswana and chairman of the South African Development Coordination Conference (SADCC), said in his address: "The promise of political independence is progressively turning into a nightmare." He said high population growth was causing high unemployment and preventing economic gains by the nine conference members—
Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Swaziland, Tanzania,
Zambia and Zimbabwe. Two other speakers, presidents Joaquim Chissano of Mozambique and Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe, accused South
Africa of seeking to destabilise its black-ruled neighbours and hamper their quest for economic self-reliance. "Lasting peace will continue to clude our region until apartheid comes to an end in South Africa, Mugabe said. At the conclusion of the summit, the participants issued a joint communique calling for increased trade among the member nations and urging South Africa's government to concede that apartheid "is

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AROUND THE WORLD...

Canadian delegation in Iran

NICOSIA (R) — A Canadian delegation arrived in Tehran Friday for talks with Iranian officials on normalising relations, Tehran Radio reported. The radio gave no details. Tehran and Ottawa last month started talks on improving diplomatic ties soured in 1980 when Canada withdrew its diplomats from Tehran after they spirited six U.S. diplomats out of Iran

PLO Central Council to meet in Baghdad

BAGHDAD (AP) — The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Central Council will meet in Baghdad next week to discuss Syrian support for a Palestinian splinter group that routed Fatch fighters in Beirut, according to a spokesman for the organisation. Bassam Abu Tharif, spokesman for PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, told the AP that the meeting will also focus on the developments in the uprising on the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Israeli minister threatens to quit

.... FEL AVIV (R) — Israeli Finance Minister Moshe Nissim threatened to resign Friday over a wage settlement offered by Prime Minister · Yitzhak Shamir to striking doctors who have crippled health services, Nissim aides said. Shamir has been unable to persuade Nissim to rirop his opposition to the settlement, which would give doctors an extra five per cent for operations performed during overtime.

Iranians turned back at Cyprus checkpoint

NICOSIA (R) — A group of Iranians believed to be refugees were turned back when they tried to cross into government-controlled south Cyprus from the breakaway northern republic, the government said Friday. About a dozen people thought to be from one family had tried to cross from the Turkish-Cypriot north to the Greek-Cypriot south through the British base at Dhekelia, officials said. The incident happened last week but was only disclosed Friday.

Rajiv Gandhi visits Spain

MADRID (AP) - Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi of India arrived in Madrid Friday on a two-day official visit to Spain. Gandhi and his wife, Sonia, were greeted at the airport by Foreign Minister Francisco Fernandez Ordonez. The foreign minister told reporters that the visit held "great importance" for both countries "due to the possibilities of increasing trade."

Tories hold seat in by-election boost

LONDON (R) - Britain's ruling Conservative Party emerged narrow victors Friday from a parliamentary by-election test which the opposition Labour Party also claimed as a boost to its fortunes. A strong performance from the Labour candidate slashed the Conservative majority from 4,447 in last year's general election to only 815 votes in Thursday's ballot for the London seat of Kensington. Conservative candidate Dudley Fishhum polled 9,829 votes.

3 UAE airbus victims flown home

DUBAI (R) — The bodies of three United Arah Emirates (UAE) citizens killed when the United States cruiser Vincennes shot down an Iranair Airhus over the Gulf July 3 have been flown home, airport officials said Friday. The bodies of Badreya Al Shada, 25, Fatima Amin, 46, and her 11-year-old daughter Sameen were brought to Dubai Thursday night from Tehran where 14 other UAE victims have been buried, they said.

'Airliner downing disrupts hostage talks'

BEIRUT (AP) - The U.S. navy's downing of an Iranian jetliner interrupted alleged U.S.-Iranian talks on the release of American hostages in Lebanon, the magazine Al Shiraa reported Friday. It said the talks between "American and Iranian negotiators ... were held in a European country and covered many details." The report said: "A number of American hostages were to be released in south Beirut in return for a public change in the American political stand on the Gulf war in favour of Iran.

Dutch prime minister to visit Israel

TEL AVIV (AP) — Dutch Prime Minister Ruud Luhbers, the first foreign head of government to visit Israel since the Palestinian uprising began in the occupied territories, will relay his government's criticism of Israel's handling of the rebellion, a Dutch official said Friday. "The uprising will certainly be an important topic of discussion during the prime minister's visit. He will relay the concerns of the Dutch people and listen very carefully to Israeli leaders," Dutch Ambassador Jan Van Roijen said in an interview. Van Roijen said the three-day visit, which begins Sunday, was initially planned in October but Lubbers delayed it for several months because of the uprising.

Turkish forces search for rebeis

DIYARBAKIR, Turkey (R) — More than 1,000 troops scoured mountain slopes in southeast Turkey Friday for Kurdish rebels who killed two soldiers in a two-day clash, sources in the area said. Soldiers helped by hundreds of civilian village guards fanned out across Cudi Mountain, near Sirnak in Sürt province, in their hunt for rebels of the marxist Kurdish Workers Party (PKK). The sources said the fighting, which broke out Wednesday, seemed to die down after sporadic exchanges of fire early Friday. Troops backed by helicopters began their search around noon on the mountain, about 30 kilometres north of the Iraqi and Syrian borders.

New Niger premier named

NIAMEY, Niger (AP) - General Ali Saibou Friday named a new premier and 12 new ministers in the second government sbuffle since Niger's leader came to power in November, authorities announced. Saibou conferred the premiership on Niger's Ambassador to Canada Mamane Oumarou, a former premier and ambassador to Canada since October. He replaces Hamid Al Gabid, named secretary of general to the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC). Nine ministers were removed, including Foreign Minister Sani Bako. He was replaced by Allele Elhadj Habibou, who headed the ministry of mines and energy in the previous government, the announcement

Evren returns home from visit to Britain

ANKARA (R) - President Kenan Evren returned to Turkey Friday after a four-day state visit to Britain. He was the first Turkish head of state to visit Britain since 1967.

Greece hopes for full ties with Israel

ATHENS (R) — Greek Foreign Minister Karolos Papoulias said Thursday he hoped for an improvement in the situation in the Israeli occupied territories so Greece could move towards full diplomatic relations with Israel. "I hope for better moments in the future which will help the Greek government to pursue its road to normalisation of relations with Israel," he told reporters.

Expatriates back policy of 'open bridges'

By Salameh B. Ne'matt Jordan Times Economics Correspondent

full backing to the Kingdom's "open bridges" policy with the ritories." occupied territories and to Jorrapid deployment force to confront challenges to the Arab Na-

Thursday of the fourth Jordanian Expatriates Congress expressed tices. "absolute support to the course They paid tribute to His Majes-

its historic responsibilities vis-avis the Palestine question."

The conferees backed the Kingdom's "open bridges policy AMMAN — Representatives with the aim of strengthening the here of about one million Jorda- organic and continuing links that nian expatriates have given their conhance the steadfastness of our people in the occupied Arab ter-

A statement drafted by expatridan's proposal to set up an Arab ates attending the conference praised Jordan's "effective role on the local, Arab and international levels in support of the Speakers at the closing session Palestinian people's intifada against Israeli occupation prac-

followed by Jordan in assuming ty King Hussein's continuous

No specific Shultz plan to visit Mideast

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — Sabah wished Shultz well. The State Department deputy spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley said Thursday that she did not know of specific plans for Secretary of State George Shultz to visit the Middle East, including Lebanon. "We have no specific plans on something like that," she told a questioner at a press briefing.

She pointed out, however, that Shultz "has made it clear that he is ready to go back to the area when his visit would encourage and promote his initiative to hring ahout Middle Eastern

Asked about the Middle East peace plan, Shultz has been pursuing since January, Oakley said: "He has talked about it as a plan, as a whole; it's on the table. I ainly have no indication that there is going to be a change in

The prime minister of Kuwait said Wednesday that Shultz would make a fifth trip to the Middle East this year to push his plan for Arab-Israeli negotia-

Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al

prime minister called for establishment of a Palestinian state and for participation of the Palestine Liberatioo Organisation (PLO) in the negotiations.

Sheikh Saad, who is also crown prince of Kuwait, said the Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza was "a strong exhibition of the determinatioo of the Palestinians to regain their freedom." Sheikh Saad, on a week-long

visit to Washington, met President Ronald Reagan Tuesday and Monday with Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci and Deputy Secretary of State John Whitehead. Shultz is on a trip to the Far East

and is unlikely to have another ance to go the Middle East until September. Sheikh Saad, in a speech and a

press conference, renewed Kuwait's request for U.S. air-toground Maverick missiles as part of a \$1.9-billion arms purchase from the United States that

Greece says Frenchman among ferry attackers

ATHENS (R) — The Greek gov-ernment said Friday a Frenchman The F was probably part of the guerrilla. group that carried out an attack on a Greek tourist ship this week, killing nine people and wounding

Merchant Marine Minister Evangelos Yannopoulos told reporters a Frenchman suspected of being a guerrilla died in Monday's attack on board the City of Poros, which carried 471 passen-

"There are still three bodies whose identity has yet to be confirmed. They are two men and a woman. One man must be French and by all indications he was a terrorist," Yannopoulos told reporters. He did not elabo-

The first secretary of the French embassy in Athens, Pierre Robion, told Reuters he had no-

thing to say at present.
"At this point we have no evidence. The identification (of the body) is still going on," Ro-

The body of a Frenchwoman was formally identified Thursday night as 21-year-old Isabelle Bismuth, who was earlier mistakenly identified as a guerrilla. She is now acknowledged to have been an innocent victim.

Greek state-run television said Thursday that police believed another guerrilla identified as Zozah Mohammad may have been killed when two powerful explosions rocked the boat during the open-sea assault. Zozab has been the focus of a manhunt.

The television, quoting state security sources, said the possibility arose after experts examined the ship. There has been no official confirmation of the television report.

More French passengers were wounded in the attack than any other nationality, with the official toll 34 injured and one dead -Bismuth. If a French guerrilla was confirmed among the dead he would be a second French (Continued on page 5)

The French Foreign Ministry in Paris had no comment on the Greek statement. A spokesman would only say that, with so many French people on board, other French nationals could be among victims not so far identified.

Identification of the corpses has been difficult because fire ravaged the upper deck of the City of Poros, mutilating several Police sources have said four or

five guerrillas joined in the assault as the ship approached the port at Trocadero near Athens after a one-day island cruise. Greece has monnted a nationwide manhant to track down the guerrillas, some of whom were thought to have escaped in the confusion as fire swept the upper

decks and passengers leapt over-

board in panic.

East attended by all parties involved in the Arab-Israeli conflict, including the Palestine Liberation Organisation. The expatriates backed the King's 'historic proposal to Arab leaders for the setting up of Arab armies to confront challenges to the Arab Nation, beginning with

Conference

supports

Arab army

efforts towards convening a

U.N.-sponsored international

peace conference on the Middle

call for

the Israeli occupation of Arab territories. The King has proposed setting up an Arah rapid deployment force to defend Arah soil and protect Arab interests anywhere

the Arab World. He has said the Jordanian Armed Forces would be honoured to serve within the ranks of the called-for force. In remarks to dignitaries and officials at the southern town of Tafileh in May, the King renewed the call and said: "Let us hope that the near future will witness the birth of the rapid deployment force which would serve as a nucleus of an Arab army that can offer proper defence for the Arah homeland."

The expatriate conference's backing for the "open bridges" policy came in the wake of the Algiers Arah summit conference which backed Jordan's role in supporting the steadfastness of Palestinians in the occupied territories and named the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

Jordan repeatedly emphasised that it had no intention to represent the Palestinian people at a proposed international conference but that it was ready to attend such a conference within a joint Jordanian-Palestinian de-

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan said last month that Jordan had special economic and social considerations and interests in strengthening the steadfastness of the people in the occupied lands.

"Partial and bilateral issues may very well be handled between the PLO and Israel if an international peace conference is convened," the Crown Prince said, "but there remains the demographic dimension."

He stressed that Jordan "never sought a monopoly on economic development programmes for the occupied territories and that the Kingdom had called for an international programme with the involvement of international parties as well as other Arab states.

Recommendations issued at the end of the expatriates conference called for the development of the Kingdom's free zones, the backing of the industrial cities corporation, increasing the efficiency of the financial and monetary markets and the establishment of a central corporation to be specialised in carrying out sectoral economic studies.

Participants also welcomed the idea of establishing a Jordanbased national university to accommodate more expatriates' children and resident and Arab students.

Israeli army orders W.Bank schools closed

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — The Israeli occupation authorities Friday ordered the closure of all 1,200 schools in the occupied West Bank next week in an attempt to curb Palestinian student protests.

The army meanwhile kept authorities were merely ending more than 80,000 West Bank the academic year early. residents under curfew and ringed mosques in Gaza City to prevent demonstrations by warship-

ers at Friday prayers. Palestinian sources said the Israeli "civil administration" for the West Bank ordered that final examinations would start Saturday and all schools would close next Thursday in a move to stop demonstrations and clashes between troops and pupils.

Israel reopened the schools only in June, after closures of up to five months, and extended the term until mid-August to allow the 300,000 students more time to study for examinations.

Israeli and Palestinian sources said authorities decided to end schooling for the academic year next week because of continued

student protests,

tudent protests.

no one was going hungry in the demonstrated agains
But an Israeli spokesman said strip, where 650,000 Palestinians raid to collect taxes.

He said the move was "a technical decision" unrelated to the seven-month-old uprising which

has drawn much of its support from teenagers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. A total of 231 Palestinians have died in the up-A United Nations official said Friday refugees in Gaza were

suffering cash shortages because the extended Israeli-imposed curfews and strikes have kept workers from their jobs. The Israeli newspaper Haaretz

reported the military closures of camps in the strip have disrupted

food supplies.

But the official, who insisted on anonymity, told the AP most U.N. supply trucks had been able to continue their deliveries and

An Ig-year-old Palestinian boy, meanwhile, was sbot in the left leg Friday when soldiers clashed with worshipers leaving prayers at a mosque in the Bureij refugee camp in the Gaza Strip, a

local reporter said. The protesters hurled rocks at the troops, who used live ammunition, wounding the man, who was identified as Ayman

Taha, a local reporter said. Late Thursday night, an 11year-old boy was shot in the leg in the Shati refugee camp in Gaza. Soldiers Friday confined residents to their homes in most of the West Bank city of Nablus, the

of Beit Sohour, Anabta and 'Ain Yabrud, an army spokesman Nablus was put under curfew late Wednesday after the deaths of two boys shot by troops. Jewish settlers raided Qalqilya the same night after a Jewish hoy was

town of Qalqilya and the villages

injured by stone-throwers. Friday was the ninth consecutive day of curfew for the 7,000 people in Beit Sohour. The village was closed when residents demonstrated against an army

Velayati dismisses American compensation as charity

UNITED NATIONS (Agencies)

— Iran dismissed as "a kind of charity" Friday U.S. President Ronald Reagan's offer of compensation for the 290-victims in the shooting down on an Iranian Airbus and again said the attack was premeditated.

At a news conference shortly before the Security Council resumed dehate on the tragedy, Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati blasted the offer, noting that Reagan specifically avoided the issue of U.S. responsibility. "We do not need mercy,"

Velayati said. Asked if the downing of Iranair Flight 655 by the U.S. cruiser Vincennes July 3 was premeditated, Valayati said: "The evidence shows that."

U.S. officials contend the skipper of the Vinceness, patrolling the Gulf, shot down the Airbus because he thought it was a hostile fighter.'

Washington's offer of compensation to the victims explicitly denied culpability in the incident.

"Worse than this criminal act was the attitude of U.S. officials towards it." Velavati said. adding the tragedy was "rooted in the large and unleashed presence of U.S. troops in the region."

Velayati, in New York for his debut before the Security Council, denied recent reports that Washington and Tehran had been moving quietly towards renewed contacts. "The U.S. administration, un-

the Islamic revolution, has had a hostile attitude towards the Islamic republic," he said. He denied any third-party talks were underway or planned, in the council Friday, the Soviet Union

renewed its demand that the

fortunately, after the victory of

American fleet be withdrawn United States naval fleet must from the Gulf, while Britain reserved judgment on the Airbus disaster pending an international investigation. Soviet Ambassador Valentin

Lozinskiy said: "The tragedy has demonstrated once again that the

Birch said the disaster would not have occurred but for the nearly (Continued on page 5)

delay.

leave the Gulf waters without

In his remarks, Britain's John

U.S. warship goes to aid tanker under gunboat attack

BAHRAIN (R) — A U.S. warship went to the aid of a Liberian-flag tanker under fire from gunboats in the central Gulf Friday but arrived well after the attackers had left, the tanker's captain said. It was the second time in four days the U.S. navy had gone to help ship under attack off Farsi Island, a long-time Iranian gunboat

George Logales, captain of the 85,989-tonne Sea Victory, told Reuters by ship-to-shore radio a "big American warship and a belicopter" sped to his position about eight kilometres off Farsi.

Logales said the gunboats launched a hit-and-run attack from the island. "They fired at us and ran back to Farsi. I'm sure they came

from there," be said. The raid with rocket-propelled grenades started a small fire in the accommodation quarters, but the crew quickly brought it under control, the captain said. There were no casualties

Shipping agents in the region said they heard the Sea Victory call for American assistance. A U.S. officer responded immediately and said a warship was on its way. But Logales said the gunboats were "long gone" by the time the

warship and a helicopter arrived. The Sea Victory ws heading in ballast for Kuwait. One shipping expert in the Gulf questioned the captain's choice of route.
"He was asking for it. He should have sailed out of Iran's exclusive zone and closer to the Saudi shore," the expert said.

Iran declared a 12-mile exclusive zone around Farsi in 1984.

Iran withdraws from Haj Omran

he said.

NICOSIA (Agencies) — Iran has foreign backers. staged a new troop withdrawal from northeast Iraq as Baghdad's forces tightened their grip on the southern front after occupying an Iranian border 10wn.
Tehran's official IRNA news

agency said Thursday Iranian forces had pulled back from the Kurdish Haj Omran area in northeast Iraq as part of a new strategy aimed at a "a more appropriate deployment of comhat forces in other defensive

On Tuesday, Iran evacuated the Halabja plain south of Haj Omran and was driven out of the Zubeidat border area on the southern front, the latest in a

series of battlefield reverses. The latest pullout means Iran has now given up almost all the Iraqi territory it occupied in the eight-year waг.

Military supremo Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani said Wednesday the withdrawals were part of a new strategy of preparing for a prolonged war and showing the world Iran did not want to seize and keep Iraqi

Rafsanjani, speaking on Iranian television, said the new approach was dictated by recent all-out support for Baghdad by its the Kremlin remained.

"After studying the new situation, it seemed changes in our defensive lines were necessary,"

Iraq said its troops pushed through Zubeidat Tuesduy, seizing 4,000 square kilometres of territory, and occupied the town of Dehloran, 30 kilometres inside Iran, Wednesday. A member of the Iraci high

command, Lieutenant-General Ni'ma Faris Hussein, said on Baghdad television Iraqi forces would withdraw across the horder within a few days.

Hammadi in Moscow

In another development, the visit hy a top Iraqi leader to Moscow has failed to overcome the Soviets' opposition to an international arms embargo against Iran, Soviet and Iraqi officials

said Thursday. "We don't have any radical changes in our position," Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Vadim Perfilyev told a govern-

ment news briefing. Saadoun Hammadi, president of Iraq's National Council and a member of its Revolutionary Command Council, told reporters earlier that differences in Iraqi advances made possible by views between his country and

Warsaw summit focuses on conventional arms cuts

WARSAW (Agencies) — Soviet leader Mikhail Gorhachev and East hioc leaders began a Warsaw Pact summit Friday which was expected to elaborate new initiatives on cutting conventional weapons.

The seven-nation pact would concentrate on proposals to reduce air and ground forces in Europe, officials from the East and West said. The gathering of Communist

Party chiefs could also provide an opportunity for member states to resolve bilateral disputes including a public row between Hungary and Romania. There was speculation that Romanian leader Nicolae Ceausescu and Hungary's Karoly Grosz would meet at the end of

the summit to discuss their bitter

dispute over Romania's treat-

ment of its ethnic Hungarian

A Polish source quoted by Reuters said the annual two-day summit was specially significant in the light of Gorbachev's "perestroika" reforms and because of the recent superpower treaty to eliminate intermediaterange nuclear forces (INF).

change in the pact's military doctrine and overall ideology," the source said. Poland's Communist Party daily Trybuna Ludu said the pact was no longer just a military alliance but was becoming "a

promotes many projects for doing away with distrust and hostility and replacing them with measures of open coexistence."

many and Bulgaria.

With the INF accord settled, attention has shifted to long-stalled talks to reduce conventional forces in Europe. Gorbachev has indicated that would be a top item on the Warsaw Pact leaders' agenda. A commentary Thursday in the "I think we can expect some

official Polish daily Zycie Warsnew peace initiatives and a zawy said the meeting should "point out the Warsaw Pact's priorities in disarmament." Conventional arms talks resume in Vienna this fall. Gor-

bachev suggested in Poland Monday that informal talks be held to search for a starting point that political organisation which... could lead to progress. "Poland and the USSR, as

parties to the Warsaw Pact, attach special importance to the quickest possible inauguration of The pact groups the Soviet negotiations on the reduction of Union, Hungary, Poland, Roma-armed forces and conventional nia, Czechoslovakia, East Ger- armaments in Europe," said a joint Polish-Soviet communique

Ajlouni outlines tourism reforms

AMMAN (Petra) — Tourism Minister Zuhair Ajlouni has outlined new duties for travel and tourist offices in an attempt to develop and revive tourism in the country.

new authority given to them according to a new law, which considers the nffices as channels for tourist distribution, sales and marketing.

Addressing directors of various travel and tourist offices, in an open dialogue session, Ailouni voiced the government's interest in developing the tourist industry. saying that this interest was translated in "the creation of a Tourism Ministry and in the enactment of the new tourist law."

The new tourist law includes an updated description of the duties assigned to tourist offices, giving recent developments and changes in the tourist industry.

The law also gave the ministry wider authorities to define tourist sites and the right to supervise the tourist and hotel training institutes and to upgrade their supervisory efficiency.

The law encouraged internal tourism and encouraged new tourist policies for developing methods of marketing and promonon in cooperation with directurs of the Royal Jordanian offices abroad.

Ajlouni said that the ministry's workplan provides for giving equal treatment to tourists and citizens and stresses the import-

These changes come in light of ance of providing excellent services at reasonable prices. He also stressed the need for

concentrating on available re-Ajlouni proposed a joint plan

of action for both the ministry and the tourist and travel offices in a bid to expand scope of participation.

The proposal called for appointing directors of the Royal Jordanian abroad, as representatives of the Tourism Ministry, because of their experience, and for establishing a joint marketing and promotion fund.

It also called for coordinating the participation of the travel and tourist agents in tourist exhibitions, conferences, and other

The proposal also included a call for promoting tourism through promotional material, informational literature, worksbops, seminars and symposiums on marketing of tourism.

The proposal further called for reviewing the rules and criteria for classifying hotels and restaurants and updating the regulations the various tourist activities. The final proposal was to set up an institute to look after the handicraft and traditional indus-

Conference on literary criticism ends in Irbid

IRBID (Petra) - Participants in a five-day conference on literary criticism Thursday concluded their meetings at Yarmouk University, taking a number of recommendations designed to safeguard Arab linguistic heritage and to highlight achievements by Arabs in the fields of rhetoric, literary criticism and translation.

They called on the Arab uni-

guages through professional

It was also suggested that these specialists translate the most important foreign language reference books into Arabic.

They also called for unifying all linguistic terms and compiling a special dictionary for such terms.

Finally, Yarmouk University was called on to hold a conferversities to teach modern lan- ence on modern linguistic terms.

Petra turns 19 today

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Jordan News Agency, Petra, Saturday

turns 19 years old. Petra was established on July 16, 1969 by Royal Decree to act as Jordan's information voice and to serve the country's national and pan-Arab objectives.

Petra started as a small section of the Press and Publications Depariment. Small bulletins were distributed manually.

Petra transmitted the first news bulletin to the world in January of 1976, but was unable to continue

transmission for longer bours until it was supplied with technical equipment which extend its transmission to six hours.

Petra now contains many sections, including reporters, editors, and administrative per-

It is now a member of the Federation of Arab News Agencies, the Islamic News Agencies Federation and the Non-Aligned Movement News Agencies Fed-

| Al Hussein congratulates France

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Thursday sent B cable to French President Francois Mitterrand congratulating . King Hussein Thursday rehim on his country's National DBy and wishing him and the French people further progress and prosperity.

King Hussein voiced satisfaction at the steadily improving relations between Jordan and France and praised the French efforts to support prospects for peace in the region.

King Hussein stressed his confidence that France, under the establish peace in the region.

UNICEF cable

ceived a cable from the United Nations Children's Fund (UN-ICEF) Executive Director James Grant congratulating him on Jordan's great achievement in the field of reducing infant mortality

rate (IMR) by more than half.
In his cable, Grant said that Jordan's recent achievement puts it at the forefront of the world's countries which seek to promote child survival and development wise leadership of Mitterrand, and turns Jordan into a bright will pursue its efforts to belp example and a source of inspiration for several world countries.

Grant noted that Jordan's reduction of IMR from 75 per one thousand live births in 1980 to 35 per one thousand in 1986, places Jordan on top of the Arab countries, which have committed to reduce by half their respective infant mortality rates

by the year 1990.

These results were determined from a field study carried out by teams from the Ministry of Health and UNICEF during May and June 1988. However, survey results have been verified by the London School of Health Sciences and Tropical Medicine, Grant

Khasawneh briefs American teachers

day briefed a visiting delegation of teaching staff from 13 American universities, on Jordan's principled policy and its national stand towards the Palestine question and His Majesty King Hussein's role in serving the cause of peace and bis search for stability.

ing friendship ties between Arabs Khasawneh stressed the need

AMMAN (Petra) — Information
Minister Hani Khasawneh Thursday briefed a visiting delegation of teaching staff from 13 Amer-American society by explaining

to them the Arab stand on the Also Thursday the delegation Palestine question and the just visited Salt and were briefed on a Arab causes, and by enhancnumber of touristic and historical sites. The Balqa governor The delegation is currently on a briefed the delegation on Salt's visit to Jordan as part of orienta- importance in every respect.

Abanda: Ozone hole is giant threat

AMMAN (Petra) - Over the of that decrease. past several years, the ozone content in the ozone layer has decreased, reaching a dangerous level in 1985, especially around the Snuth Pole, Director of the Meteorology Department Ali Abanda said Thursday.

During a talk he gave at the Civil Defence Department headquarters. Abanda said space scientists are aware of the danger and have brought together a team of scientists to study the causes that led to the ozone layer's

cultural activities going on at the Civil Defence Department.

Abanda said the team's findings sbown that a pollution increase in outer space, induced by man and by missiles launched into space, is the main reason behind what he called a bole in the ozone layer in the South Pole area. He added that the bole may spread.

He explained that this decrease leads to other weather phedecrease in the South Pole and nomenons, most important of other areas, as well as the effects which are an increase in tempera-

ture which causes ice and snow to Abanda's talk was one of the melt thereby raising the water level in oceans. He said the hole can also cause temperatures to decrease to a level which may bring the earth into a new ice age.

He added that the ozone layer belos curb the level of infra-red rays from the sun, limiting it to 2 per cent, a number which if increased would expose humans to skin cancer and would kill anim-

als and plants.

Attending the lecture was the director of the Civil Defence Department, his ; assistants and a number of bigh ranking officials at the department.

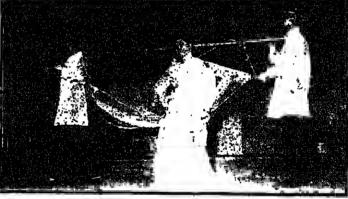
U.P. Filipiniana troupe performs today

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Philippines' U.P. Filipiniana Dance Troupe arrived in Amman Thursday for a six-night performance at the annual Jerasb Festival of Culture and Art. Led by Prof. Corazon G. Inigo,

award-winning Filipino artist, the 26-member group bas a repertoire, depicting various forme of Philippine culture.
The dance group made its international debut in 1978 by par-

ticipating in the 33rd International Wine and Folkloric Festival in Dijon, France. It won first prize in dance and

by a single country. It also won world-wide acclaim for its performances in international cultural festivals in such countries as the Federal Republic of Germany, Romania, Austria. Italy, Spain, Switzerland, the



in the bistory of the festival that "hammock dance," a popular folk dance in the Philippines. The the only two gold prizes were won group will participate in the Jerash Festival

> United States, Australia and Thailand.

were rated as "world class."

United States, Australia and Philippine Ambassador to Jordan Juan V. Saez said the group's participation in the Jerash Festivcities in the United States and alis part of the cultural exchange Canada, where its performances programme between the Philippines and the Kingdom.

JTV Channel 2 Preview

Sat. — July 16, 1988

8:30 Mr. Belvedere 9:00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents ... **Animal Lovers**

9:30 Sat. Variety Show

10:20 Feature Film Chapter Two Starring: James Caan, Marsha

A widowed novelist reluctantly embarks on an affair with B divorcee.

Sun. — July 17, 1988

8:30 Check It Out Shot One Jockey

8:55 Short Doc. Perspective

AIDS: Completing the Jigsaw A documentary film about AIDS that relates the history of one of the patients: Ways of communication; ways of treatment; prevention and research carried out to discover the mystery of the disease and its treatment.

9:10 New Doc. Series Footsteps

The 19th Century was a romantic period in the long history of archaeology. An age when the treasure-seekers, plunderers and well-meaning amateurs of the past began to give way to the scientists and professional archaeologists of the 20th Century. A time of spectacular discoveries and exotic stories to swell the store-rooms of European museums and excite the magination of the world.

10:20 The Equalizer Video Games

11:10 Fawlty Towers

Mon. — July 18, 1988

8:30 Perfect Strangers

9:10 I Shall Never Lose Hope One part special Doc.

A documentary film about the life of Nelson Mandella and his struggle in South Africa for the establishment of a democratic state where citizens of all races can co-exist.

10:20 Mnvie of the Week Sweet As You Are Starring: Liam Neeson, Miranda Richardson

Marital deception happens all the time. Now it is deadly. Martin Perry is a polytechnic lecturer who has an affair with one of his students. What he did not know is that she used drugs. What neither of them knew was that she was 9:10 Remington Steele

The feature film 'Annie' at 10:20 Thursday. July 21, 1988.

carrying the AIDS virus. When Martin is diagnosed HIV posi-tive, AIDS ceases to be a medical statistic and becomes part of his surburban existence, threatening his wife Julia, his daughter Katy, their marriage, their life-style, even life itself.

Tue. — July 19, 1988

8:30 I Married Dora

Dora bas ber hands full when Peter's bigoted mother arrives for an indefinite stay, not knowing of his marriage in his housekeeper.

9:10 Campaign

10:20 Hunter

11:10 The Contract Last part

Johnny is the contract man with a job to do, and be intends to use everything in his power, bowever dirty, to succeed and wipe his own slate clean.

Wed. — July 20, 1988

8:30 3 Up 2 Down

9:00 Doc. Space On Earth Programme 2: The Oasis and the

In a tale of two cities, London's South Bank Centre is contrasted with the Pompidou Centre in Paris, described as "an oasis of Contributors include Sir Denys Lasdun, Cedric Price, Leon Krier and Charles Knevitt.

9:30 The Twilight Zone

10:28 A Very British Coup Part 2

Once inside Number 10, Harry enters a world where elected power comes face-to-face with the establishment. The media, the civil service, the armed forces and, in particular, the Americans are out to stop Harry implementing his manifesto com-But they had not oned with Harry's steely determination.

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Holt-Steele return from their Mexican honeymoon, Remington encounters a mystery woman from his murky past with one mission — to become the real Mrs. Steele. Secret immigration agent Tony Roselli continues his efforts to prove that the Steele marriage is a fraud.

10:20 Feature Film

She's America's favourite orphan! Annie, based on the smasb hit Broadway musical, is the story of a plucky, red-haired girl who dreams of a life outside her dingy orphanage. Annie (Ai-leen Quinn) plans several escapes, but is always foiled by the gin-soaked ruler of the orphanage, Miss Hannigan (Carol Burnett), One day Annie is chosen to live for one week with a famous billionaire, "Daddy" Warbucks (Albert Finney). Because of Annie's special charm, the week turns into many and she and Daddy Warbucks are sharing spectacular times in the New York City of the 1930s... Meanwhile, Miss Hannigan and her zany, villainous colleagues are plotting to kidnap Annie.
Will they succeed?

Fri. — July 22, 1988

8:30 Guinness Records

Imagine scaling treacherous 20foot waves in a rowboat! "The Spectacular World of Guinness Records" travels to the beaches of Australia to film five-man teams racing their small crafts through thundering surf. The boats used are the world's fastest manpowered rescue craft. The teams plow through the pounding waves to a marker 200 yards from the shore. Then the oarsmen race back, chased by waves that could easily flip a boat and send it crashing back on the crew!

9:10 The Charmer

Willing to compromise himself in most ways to achieve his dreams, Gorse marries Pamela, the innocent daughter of a well-beeled car' dealer, Bennett.

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NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

CROWN PRINCE THANKS DAJANI: His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan has sent a cable of thanks to Interior Minister Rajai Dajani, in appreciation of the efforts made by the minister and the governors and district officers during Jordan's celebrations of the Great Arab Revolt in June. Prince Hassan said that this year's preparations were unique in their planning and organisation and were commensurate with the importance of that dear occasion.

FAYEZ MEETS SPANISH ENVOY: Lower House of Parliament Speaker Akef Al Fayez Thursday discussed hilateral relations with Spanish Ambassador to Amman Ramon Armengod.

TUNISIAN ENVOY HONOURED: Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri Thursday decorated the outgoing Tunisian Amhassador to Jordan Said Ibn Mustafa with Jordan's Independence Medal of the First Order, which was conferred upon him by His Majesty King Hussein in appreciation of his efforts to promote and enhance relations between his country and Jordan.

TIES WITH SWEDEN: Public Works and Housing Minister Engineer Shafiq Zawaideh Thursday discussed hilateral cooperation with Swedish Amhassador Lars Lonnback.

MEDIA TEAM IN IRAQ: A Jordanian media delegation Wednesday left Amman for Baghdad to cover the Iraqi victories in Al Zubaidat region. The delegation was composed of Information Ministry Advisor Suhail Matalqah. Fayez Al Qudah from the Department of Press and Publication, Fares Shar an and Mahmoud Jaber from Jordan News Agency, and Mahmoud Muhareh.

Spectators complain of crowd control problem at **Jerash Festival opening**

By Nermeen Murad Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The site of the Jerash ruins glittered with the birth of another festival Wednesday while Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor officially opened the 7th cultural extravaganza. But at the South Gate of the city, Jordanians and foreign residents of the Kingdom were treated to a completely different show — of rough behaviour, insensitivity and high handed ac-

Complaints poured in to reporters from people from all walks of life, ranging from amhassadors who were officially invited to the opening ceremony, and spectators who carried their tickets to the first opera to he held in Jerash, to the general public who just wanted to renew their alliance with the activities of the festival.

"I was afraid, horrified, I thought I was at a military zone, not a cultural event," said a Jordanian woman who arrived at the site 20 minutes before the opening of the opera as she described her experience with the guards at the gate of the festival.

She told the Jordan Times that she saw an ambassador's wife in Amman "being physically shoved hack by security officers guarding the gate;" yet the lady was holding an official invitation to the opening ceremony and the opera in her hand, and all she "was trying to find out was why they were being held hack." An amhassador to Jordan was treated to verbai ahuse and 'was almost

hit," the young Jordanian said. The Jordanian woman admitted that there was chaos at the entrance, "there were no organised line up," but she maintained that there was absolutely no need for the violence.

Most of the people interviewed by the Jordan Times maintained that their feeling was the security guards were "insufficiently trained for crowd control," everyhody agreed that the hehaviour of the guards at the first day of the festival was a clear example of "unnecessary physical and verbal ahuse," and a far cry from what one expects at Jordao's premiere national cultural

An eyewitness described to the Jordan Times how one of the guards "took off his belt and started hitting people with it. regardless of who they were and what they were doing," another witness said that some of the guards carried the steel harriers at the gate and shoved people hack with them.

The pushing, shouting and

threatening were eventually disc-overed to be without reason, "I thought that Their Majesties were still inside and that this behaviour and attitude were security measures to protect the Royal Family, but we finally found out that everyhody had left," one person who was there told the Jordan Times.

The obvious question was why were the guards so adamant to prevent people from entering the site. According to an eye-witness, "there was absolutely no explanation, all we were told was to go back, and in many cases those who tried to know more were called abusive names."

This reporter, who arrived one hour hefore the opening cere-mony, was looking for the seats designated for reporters when one guard came over and said: "It is late, leave this place immediately or you will get into trouble." Other senior Jordanian editors said they received the same rough treatment by both uniformed and plain-clothed security personnel.

Local reporters were grouped together in a corner for one hour hefore the heginning of the opening ceremony, due to "security reasons," and all were satisfied that it was proper procedure, but words of dissatisfaction started spreading among them when five minutes before the opening ceremony foreign reporters were escorted by Foreign Ministry Officials to their designated seats in

the Jordanian ministers' area. A Jerash Festival official reached by the Jordan Times Friday, denied responsibility for any of the "accideots," noting that "things went perfectly Thursday, the guards were not on the site of the festival, they were there only on the first day."

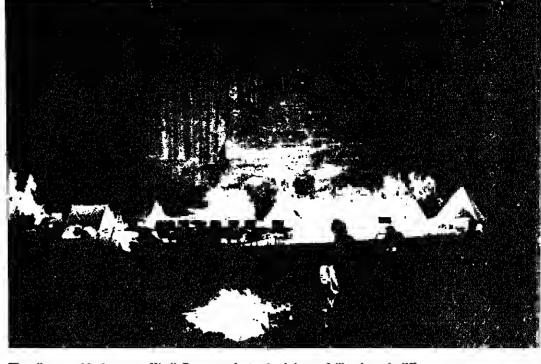
Many of those who complained of mistreatment by security guards cited examples of good natured interventions by officials of the Jerash Festival, who tried to minimise aggravation caused hy the guards.

"At the entrance to the opera, a guard physically tried 10 shove me aside when he saw my reporter's hadge, hut an official from the Jerash Festival intervened and told the guard to let me in," a senior editor who was in Jerash Wednesday with his wife and children told the Jordan Times.

The general artitude by those interviewed was that "Jerash Festival officials tried to smooth the flow of the crowds with the least inconvenience for all," others who visited Jerash Thursday conceded that "everything was very well organised, there were no harassments."

WHAT'S GOING ON





The dinner table is set at Wadi Rum, against a backdrop of illuminated cliffs

Jordan: Land of desert safari?

Rami G. Khouri recently took a safari trip through Jordan's desert. He field the following report and photos:

several enterprising local com- ture trips. panies have their way, desert safaris may soon join the growing list of activities and services which are available for foreign and domestic tourists. Last winter, the general manager of the Marriott Hotel, Haile Aguilar, and the director of International Traders Travel Services Company, Munir Nassar, spent two days criss-crossing the semi-arid steppe-like regions of the country exploring routes and destinations for possible desert safaris. Last month they ran the first experimental safari - a four-day, three-night trek of over 1,000 kilometres, nearly two-thirds of which was over desert tracks.

through the desert, bouncing over desert tracks or sliding and sailing through sandy stretches; the trip was five-star all the way. The concept they are now testing out is to allow visitors to enjoy the extraordinary variety of Jordan's natural terrain and its antiquities sites, to experience the unique thrills of driving through the desert for hours on end, and then to finish off the day by arriving at a fully laid out tent cluding lights, hot meals, a full refreshments and har service. water, toilet, musical entertainment, fireside atmosphere, and private tents with matresses, pillows, sheets, hlankets and washing facilities. The only thing that seemed to he missing was the morning newspaper - though

JORDAN, kind of sun, ancient with a hit more experience, that history and.. desert safaris. If will probably he arranged on fu-

The trip started in Amman at 6:30 a.m., and took us first to the desert castles area; we visited Hallahat, Hammam es-Sarah, Amra, Azraq, Kharana aod Qasr Tuba, stopping for a lunch of sandwiches, fruits, brownies and hot and cold drinks at Kharana Castle. After Tuba, we drove for another two hours to reach Bayir - one of the most isolated and barren areas of the country, with nothing to see for a hundred kilometres in any direction. Only the desert police post - and an ancient water reservoir - stand as testimony that we were not the first people to visit Bayir, which has served as a caravan stop for This was not just a romp thousands of years.

> The next morning - after breakfast of scrambled eggs, pancakes sausages, corn flakes, orange juice, hot coffee and a Granola bar for extra energy we set off for Jafr, and then across country to Butn al Ghoul ("the helly of the heast"), from where we followed the paved road towards Mudawarra, in search of one of the wrecks of the oman trains which were blown up hy the forces of Prince Faisal al Hussein and Lawrence of Arahia during the Great Arab Revolt in 1916. We found the wreck in the Ramleh area, about 30 kilometres north of Mudawarra - and we also found one of the most beautiful areas in the Middle East: A vast, pastel land-

scape of soft sandy stretches, with different shades of orange abutring craggy limestone mountains and stretches of hasalt ground

From there, we returned to Butn al Ghoul and headed overland to Disi and Rum, following the phosphate railway through a rough mountaincus district dotted with pockets of soft sand. After several more hours of driving through a magical landscape, we arrived at Rum, and spent the next two nights exploring the area from the comfort of our hase camp deep within Rum. On the third day, we drove from Rum to Aqaba along a dirt track that passed through the incer reaches of Rum, emerging to meet the desert highway at Wadi Yitm, from where we drove the last 25 kilometres to Agaha on the desert highway — though given the state of the desert highway, it seemed considerably safer and smoother driving on desert

The third day ended with a harbeque fish banquet on the beach at Agaba - where the Marriott van and crew had arrived ahead of time to set up a comfortable tent, full refreshments har and lunch. After a swim in the Gulf of Aqaha and lunch, we stopped for a fresh shower at the Royal Diving Centre, before driving back to our camp at Rum.

We had planned to drive from Aqaha up through Wadi 'Araha and over the hills to Beidha, to camp out the last night at Beidha, near Petra, though we decided to spend the last night at Rum, to avoid the extra work of hreaking camp and setting it up once again. The three first days of trekking

had been grand — but tiring — chocolate fudge over sweet En-and we decided to enjoy the glish biscuits. Breakfast the next and we decided to enjoy the fourth night at Rum, taking in a spectacular sunser, thanks to the assistance of the Ministry of Tourism's representative at Rum, of sheet sandstone cliffs that, like Jamal Ashab, who, it is rumoured, has inside information from the Lord on the most beautiful places to visit in Rum, not to mention divine dispensation on how to prevent your Petra.

four-wheel-drive vehicle from being stuck in the sand.

We enjoyed yet another fivestar dinner cooked on the spot: Grilled steaks, noodle casserrole. grilled corn, salad and a dessert of fruits and ice cream with hot a new service that should he luxury,

day was more of the same - the highlight being watching the chefs flip omleties against a backdrop us, had probably never seen anything like it before. The return drive to Amman took four hours, though several members of the party detoured for a visit to

By the end of the fourth day, we had driven about 1,000 kilometres, most of which was on desert tracks. It was often humpy, sometimes hot, occasionally dusty, hut always exhilarating. We all agreed that this was clearly

nians and foreign visitors alike. The logistics of trips offered on a commercial basis have to be worked out and refined by International Traders, the Marriott Hotel or whomever else ventures into the field. Shorter or longer ilineraries may be offered, and different destinations will be included. But the fact of Jordan's potential as a destination for desen irekkers and desen safaris is hevond doubt, and at least two local companies have shown that they have the technical capability and the entrepreneurial spirit to

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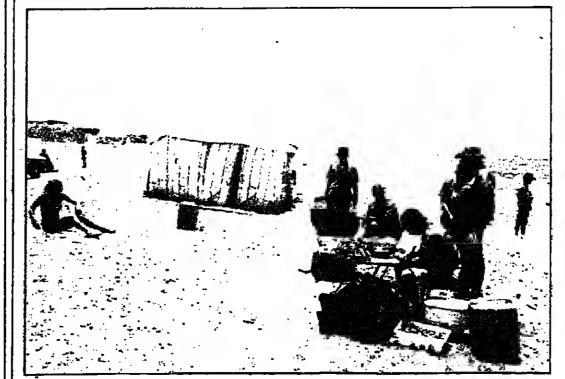
A sandy stretch near Disi - great for photographs, not so great for driving through



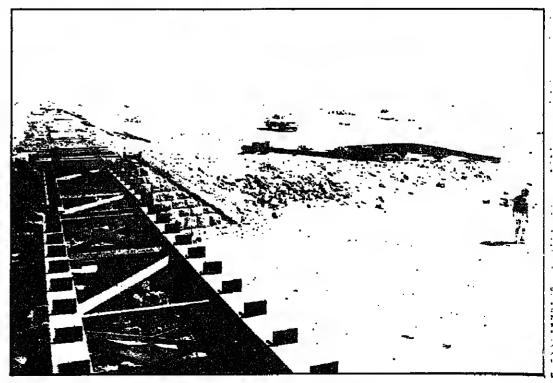
On the way to Bayir



Breakfast at Bayir



The tent and fish barbeque lunch at Aqaba



The wreck of an old Ottoman train, next to the abandoned track at Ramleb, near Mudawarrah

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- * Local and Arabic music by Jordan Armed Forces Band at the
- Forum at 6:30 p.m. Poets and poetry at the Artemis at 7:00 p.m. * National folk dance and music by Al Ballet Krsmanovic de
- Yugoslavia at the South Theatre at 7:30 p.m. * Jordanian folk dance by Beit Fajjar Folk Group at the Forum at
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- 8:00 p.m.
- * Modern Filipino dance and music by the U.P. Filipiniana Troupe at the Sound and Light at 9:30 p.m.
- Zanoubia Operetta by Zanoubia Troupe/Syria at the South Theatre at 9:30 p.m.

EXHIBITIONS

Hnusing exhibition at the Plaza Hotel. Jordanian-Palestinian heritage week at the University of Jordan. It includes handicraft, costumes, and embroidery.

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Video for children: Pippi Langstrumpf. Goethe Institute at 4:00

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* Poetry recitation by Dalai Al Alami and Mohammad Abu Mansour. Abdul Hamid Shoman Fnundation at 6:00 p.m.

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ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Friday's

Al Ra'i: Israeli terrorists?

THE failure so far of the Greek government to identify the perpetrators of last week's attack on a Greek ship might be taken as preliminary evidence that such a terrorist operation, which was carried out in a perfect and professional manner, must have originated from the Zionist enemy, which has a long and colourful history of such crimes. Any terrorist act, however, can only be identified through its liming and objectives. In light of the constitute Palesthian profession in the constitute Asst territories. of the escalating Palestinian uprising in the occupied Arab territories, the increasing international support it has gained and the international condemnation of the Israeli oppressive policies, one can simply tell that Israel is the only party which has a genuine interest in such operations. Attempts by some observers to attribute this operation to the Middle East should not imply that it is the Arabs who committed this crime. The operation aims to distort the image of Arabs and to link them with terrorism, particularly nowadays when the uprising has proven to the whole world that it is the Israelis who are terrorists. The Israeli inbuman practices against the Palestinian people in the occupied Arab territories cast no doubts on the Identity of the terrorists. The Israeli brutality has surpassed the well-known teriorist regimes of South Africa and other dictatorial and racist regimes. The Palestinian uprising bas proven to the whole world that it bas over the forty years, since the Israeli occupation of Palestine, been biased, supporting the killer rather than the victim, supporting the wrong against lbe right and justice, ft should be noted within this context that Greece is the current chairman of the European Community and has not recognised the Israeli entity and refused to establish diplomatic relations with it. Therefore, Israel is trying to offend the Arab-Greek relations by committing such attacks and attributing it to

Al Dustour: Strong ties

AT the conclusion of their 4th conference in Amman, the Jordanians working abroad supported Jordan's firm stand towards kinsmen in the occupied Arab territories and praised its role in shouldering its pan-Arab historical responsibilities, saying that such a stand is clearly demonstrated in the limitless support for the Palestinian people and in Jordan's active role on all levels to canvass support for the Palestinian uprising. The convocation at the conference in Amman asserted anew the strong and eternal relation between the country and its citizens, who have never forgotien their original roots and belonging to Jordan. These strong ties have been embodied through the royal directives which called for directing special care to the Jordanian expatriates. The expatriates called on Thursday for all Jordanians working abroad to contribute to the development of their country stressing that development of the country is the joint responsibility of all Jordanians, because the development plan needs the effort and contribution of every one of them.

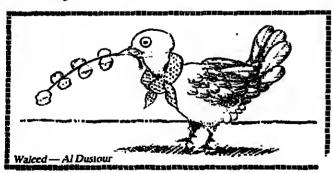
Sawt Al Shaab: Decreased mortality rate

THE medal that the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has decorated Jordan with in appreciation of its great achievements in the field of reducing infant mortality rate and achieving high coverage of immunisation against child-killer diseases, is a source of pride for us in Jordan, because it demonstrates the government's interest in promoting child health and development. It is also indicative of the tireless efforts made by the Minister of Health and other parties to achieve such honourable results. UNICEF Executive Director James Grant's congratulatory cable to His Majesty King Hussein over Jordan's achievements, which is a certificate that we take pride in, demonstrates the Jordanian citizen's determination and resolve to enjoy the highly respectable status, which we all aspire 10 achieve. Jordan's recent achievement puts Jordan in the forefront of the region's countries as far as reducing the infant mortality rate through increased immunisation coverage and control of intestinal diseases. Jordan has been able to reduce the IMR from 75 per one thousand live births to 35 per one thousand live births. In terms of figures Jordan has succeeded in reducing the infant deaths from 8,600 a year in 1980 to 3,600 in 1986. This dramatic reduction in infant deaths should prompt us to work harder to achieve better results to ensure a better and bealthy future for the coming generations.

Thursday's

Al Ra'i: Expand debate

THE U.N. Security Council's debate of the downing of the Iranian airliner by the U.S. navy opens up yet another chance for the international community to shoulder its responsibility of the conflict in the Culf. Although up condense the ending the conflict in the Gulf. Although we condemn the downing of a civilian plane, we should also point to the Iranian regime's continued acts of terrorism, which paved the way for the downing of the plane. Iran's insistence on pursuing the war with Iraq, its crimes in Mecca during last year's pilgrimage season and its killing of Iraqi prisoners of war and sending thousands of young Iranians to their death at the battle-front are part of Iran's crimes committed against humanity. The council should not settle to only by discussing the downing of the plane, but should rather tackle this issue as part of the on-going Gulf conflict, and should take into serious consideration Iraq's extended hand for peace



Al Dustour: Deep-rooted changes

THE uprising in the occupied Arah territories is eight months old; and seems to be continuing with more resolve and greater force than ever. A British social worker living and working in the Arab territory under Israeli rule said that the Palestinian revolt has been able to survive due to close coordination among all factions in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip and the determined effort on the part of all people to confront the Israelis and to thwart their designs and conspiracies. The Palestinians, according to the British social worker, have been able to unify their ranks and to work independently, completely severing links between their territory and the Jewish state. This development has come about m view of the long sufferings and the repressive rule the Palestinians have been subjected to over the past 21 years. These deep-rooted changes within the occupied territories have prompted the Israeli leaders to admit that the revolt might go on for many years. The Palestinian revolt will continue unabated and regardless of the challenges, until freedom is achieved.

Iraq: Looking beyond the war

By Frederick W. Axelgard

IRAQ appears to have begun the process of adjusting to a new way of life in anticipation of an end to the Gulf war. This tentative conclusion results from an analysis of changes in Iraq's military, economic, and political circumstances in recent months. It suggests that the government of Saddam Hussein and the Iraqi people themselves are approaching the end of a national trauma and the beginning of one of the most important (and possibly most difficult) periods of Iraq's modern history - that of economic reconstruction and social and political revitalisation, following the brutal war with

The catalyst behind this analysis is, in the first instance, the unex-pected and impressive military successes Iraq has achieved in the past two months. First came the recapture of the Fao peninsula in April, in which a two-pronged attack by military regulars and Iraq's crack Republican Guard took just 35 bours to drive Iranian Revolutionary Guards from the psychologically vital, twoyear stronghold at the southern

tip of Iraq. Iranian communiques, and recently some commentators in Washington, bave claimed Iraq's success at Fao was achieved with the use of chemical weapons (CW). But U.S. government sources confirm that American intelligence has uncovered no evidence of CW use there. Nor did Western reporters, who were whisked to Fao right after the fighting ended, mention finding any signs of CW as they had at Halabja. Nor did Iran go public after Fao with pictures and reports of CW victims undergoing treatment, a strategy which it has used effectively in the past. Thus there appears to be no firm reason to minimise Iraq's military accomplishments at Fao.

The second Iraqi military breakthrough occured on May 25, in a 10-hour sweep of Iranian forces from Iraqi territory in the area of Shalamsha, east of Basra. Iran's penetrations bere in early 1987 were (after Fao) the second most significant military gains made by Iran in the war, but were achieved at a horrendous cost in human life. Some have viewed the Shalamsba operation as even more impressive, since Iraqi statements and manoeuvres after Fao clearly pointed to a counterattack in the Basra region. In addition. Iraq has since beaten back an Iranian attempt to tegain the ground lost at Shalamsha.

Iragi officials brush away questions about the emergence of Iraqi military prowess at a point so late in the war. Foreign observers, they suggest, have long given Iraq too little credit for years of stopping offensives involving hundreds of thousands of Iranian fighters, at least one third of whom were completely ready to give their lives.

Moreover, Iraqi leaders are said to have foreseen the demise of Iranian capabilines as early as Iran's takeover of the Fao peninsula in February 1986. Despite Iranian efforts to endow the Fao victory with mythical propor-

strategic nor spiritual objectives. Iranian fighters mobilised with the promise of seeing the holy shrines of Najaf and Kerbala were posted to a dreary waste of mud and salt water.

in early 1987, while threatening, cost Iran between 250,000 and 400.000 casualties in just four months of fighting, according to Iraqi estimates. This devastation was wrought when some five million Iraqi artillery shells were launched into the relatively compact area of fighting east of Basra. In the months following, Iranian efforts to recruit new fighters fell far short of their objectives. When political developments in various international fora (including the Arab League and United Nations) also turned to Iraq's favour, the leadership in Baghdad reportedly concluded that Iran bad exhausted its material, political, and spiritual re-

sources.

urces.

If conviction of Iran's incapahility of pursuing another massive offensive spurred Iraq's innovative counterattacks at Fao and Shalamsha, this same conviction has failed to stir any similar creativity in Iraq's leaders with respect to diplomatic manoeuvres. After Irag's liberation of the Fao peninsula, the Reagan administration pressed Iraqi diplomats in New York and Washington for signs of flexibility in Iraq's approach to implementing Security Council Resolution 598. Presumably, the purpose of such flexibility would be to give the U.S. greater leverage to deal with Soviet and Chinese unwillingness to impose sanctions on Iran for failing to accept 598.

Baghdad proved unresponsive to this suggestion. Vernon Walters, the U.S. amhassador to the United Nations, made no further headway when be went to Iraq in late May to make the case directly to the Ba'thist leadership. Iraqi and American sources alike confirmed that after a vigorous exchange, the only result was that each side had a clear and emphatic appreciation of the other's

The Iraqi position was understood and formalised immediately after Walter's visit by the "Baghdad peace conference." This meeting involved over a thousand representatives of nongovernmental organisations from mobilise support for the implementation of Resolution 598. It and decades of socialism." lasted three days and featured addresses by Iraqi leaders (inread in his absence hy Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yasin Ramadan) and conference dele-598. While the final communique did not include some of the more extreme recommendations voiced in the conference - such as expelling Iran from the Organisation of Islamic Conference and the United Nations, the proceed-

estimation, neither important in which they appear in that resolution.

With the end of a major military threat by Iran in sight, officials and non-governmental sources in Iraq seem clearly to be looking ahead to a post-war Similarly, the attacks on Basra period of economic and political revitalisation. High ranking officials of the ruling Ba'th Party confirm that the Iraqi leadership has begun to review ideas and plans for the country's development that were developed in lare 1979 and early 1980, in the aftermath of Saddam's coming to

DOWET.

Saddam's accession to power, in this perspective, was the starting point of the second and more energetic phase of the Ba'thist "revolution" in Iraq. The months immediately thereafter and before the outbreak of war with Iran were reportedly ones of great ferment, as party leaders were in a constant state of debate, preparation, and review of proposals for economic expansion and political changes, such as the formation of the National Assembly (which was installed

early in 1980). An important implication of this nostalgic look back is the suggestion that it is the intensity of anticipated change from this period - and not merely the desire to insulate Iraq's population from the effects of the war that bas led Saddam Hussein to try and keep a halance in Iraqi expenditures on "guns" and "hutter" during the course of the war. Today there is evident selfsatisfaction in Baghdad that Iraq's economy, while strapped, remains fundamentally in halance, with acceptable-to-good prospects for growth through the further expansion of oil exports.

The dramatic economic reforms instituted by Saddam since the be-ginning of 1987 are similarly susceptible to re-interpretation as not just a war-induced emphasis on productivity, but as part of his longer-range vision for Iraq. Diplomatic sources in Baghdad seem to concur in the belief that these reforms - including a strong emphasis on privatisation (particularly in agriculture), increasing local productivity (in both quantitative and qualitative terms), and revising and extending arrangements for joint-sector initiatives - will continue in the post-war period. While musing on the future of these reforms, one source went as far as to call them "an economist's dream" around the world in an effort to and a significant outlet for a society emerging from the "hurdens of war

The political overtones in this last cluding one by Saddam Hussein. about the implications of the economic reform programme. One high ranking Ba'thist authority said that while it is premature to speak gates urging world opinion to about "formulas" for dealing with support an end to the Gulf war by the post-war political environment, backing the implementation of it is nevertheless recognised that steps in Iraq's economic liberalisanon also constituted steps toward a more liberal political climate.

From the context of my discussion with this particular official, it seemed clear that the same idea had taken hold among Iraq's leadership ings left no doubt that Iraq re- that numerous outside observers mains committed to a precise expressed: Namely, that the end of the war will bring with it significant

tions, it achieved, in Iraq's of 598, according to the sequence pressures, if not demands, from within Iraqi society that the political climate be opened up. Some of these outside observers have even gone so far as to suggest that this challenge could pose a greater risk to the continuation of the oppressively security-conscious regime of Saddam Hussein than the war it-

> Still other close watchers of Iraq have seen in the regime's actions over the past year certain indications that it is angling toward political change in a post-war setting. The indications in question are of a highly embryonic, yet definitely discernible nature. The most visible change was authorising the National Assembly to criticise the performance of government officials, including (theoretically) the members of the ruling Revolutionary Command Council and President Saddam Hussein himself. Sbortly thereafter, the Assembly began an investigation of the activities of the bealth ministry, which culminated recently in the sacking of the minister of bealth and a significant number of lower-ranking officials.

Conversations in Baghdad made it readily apparent to this writer that the health ministry was an easy target of such action. Nevertheless, as Iraq's second National Assembly draws to the end of its four-year term, there can be little dispute that it bas been more active and effecrive than its predecessor. Furthermore, it was interesting that one private source in Baghdad speculated that as a next step, the National Assembly might take up responsibility for approving the appointment of calinet ministers in addition to monitoring their work after being installed.

Another potentially notewortby development is the establishment of "open walls" at all educational institutions from primary school through to university, as a place where students can express grievances under presumed anonymity. An interview at the National Assembly revealed that this body had at one point rejected (as too shard to enforce) a proposal for controlling the costs of marriage contracts in Iraq. A complaint was registered on the "open wall" of one university faculty about the prohibitive costs of marriage arrangements and the need to control them. The issue is reportedly in the process of being reconsidered by the National Assembly.

The oblique (but still interesting) nature of this last example is a useful reminder that assessing the meaning of such developments in Iraq is a tenuous undertaking at best. Yet being in Baghdad gave an ample sense that a hasis is evolving for broad, significant, and constructive change should the Gulf war wind down to an acceptably low level of hostility in the relatively near future.

One cannot help but hope, after eight years of bloodletting which followed decades of dehilitating political instability, that the possihility still remains for Iraq at long last to begin to realise the fulfillment of its tremendous natural and human potentialities.

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Japan displays new activist foreign policy

By David Thurber The Associated Press

BANGKOK, Thailand — Japan's pledge to take an active role in the search for peace in Cambodia is part of a new, more political approach that the nation s taking in international affairs, apanese officials say.

In the past, Japan's contributions to the world often have focused on economic assistance, and this year the country became the world's largest aid donor.

But after several years of discussions in the Japanese government about the need for it to take a stronger, more self-confident diplomatic role to balance the country's economic muscle, Japan now has committed itself to a greater involvement in peace efforts in both the Middle East and Southeast Asia.

Japanese Foreign Minister generally positive. Sosuke Uno, in Bangkok this past week for the annual meetings of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), called for a series of steps toward a peace settlement in Cambodia, and told ASEAN foreign ministers that Japan will "actively consider" providing financial support for a proposed international peacekeeping force there.

Uno also said Japan will consider sending civilian personnel to a separate international team that would monitor free elections in Cambodia after the withdrawal of Vietnamese troops. Hanoi, which invaded Cambodia nearly 10 vears ago, bas pledged it will remove all its forces by 1990.

The financial support, expected to be sizable, would be the first major grant from Japan for an international peacekeeping force, foreign ministry officials

Japan "intends not only to expand its contributions in the economic field, but also to embark on new forms of contributions in the political and diplomatic fields," Uno told foreign ministers from Thailand, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Indonesia and Brunei.

Independent role

Since World War II, Japan has relied heavily on the United States for both military protection and foreign policy directions. It frequently has been cautious ahout taking too active an international role, particularly in Asian countries that still remember its aggression during the war.

officials in Japan say a new genlives in prosperous postwar Japan now believe the time has come for it to play a more activist and : independent international role

A ministry official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Japan selected the Middle East and Southeast Asia regions because it has close ties to both and feels it can make significant contributions there.

During a trip to the Middle East in June, Uno became the first Japanese cabinet member to visit Israel. Japan had avoided visits in the past in part to keep from antagonising Middle Eastern countries that supply it with

Ministry officials say Japan also has offered to act as an intermediary herween the United States

During the ASEAN meetings. which focused on ways to achieve peace in Camhodia, the response to the greater Japanese role was

"We as ASEAN welcome the efforts of Japan to finance the international peacekeeping force." Thai Foreign Minister Siddhi Savetsila told reporters after the meetings. "Now we know that we are ready to talk to the Vietnamese in substance."

Cambodian resistance leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk told Uno during talks here that Japan's approach was "acceptable not only to Cambodia itself hut also to other Southeast Asian nations," a Japanese foreign ministry official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

But Japan's growing overseas role continues to raise questions in the region about whether the diplomatic activity will be accompanied by an increase in military

Japan is an economic power, hut it will never become a military power," Uno reassured the ASEAN foreign ministers. "We want to use our economic power to contribute to world peace."

Measured in dollars, Japan's defense budget now is the third or fourth largest in the non-Communist world, partly because of the recent appreciation of the Japanese yen, ministry officials

Last year, Japan abandoned a self-imposed limit on defence spending of I per cent of its gross national product, a move that was criticised by several Asian na-

"We feel that we'd rather look at the positive side of this," Thai Foreign Minister Siddhi said. pointing to deeper ties between Japan and ASEAN and growing But diplomats and government Japanese economic assistance and investment in the region. "Mr. Uno has mentioned that eration of foreign ministry offi-cials who have lived much of their Japan was not going to be a militarist power. We welcome

LETTERS 'A night to remember'

To the Editor:

STANDING outside the gate at 20:30 brs on Wednesday at Jerash, the word "stampede" kept coming to my lips, because unfortunately this is what we were suddenly transformed into ... a body of panic-stricken cattle.

I am sure that there was a good reason for not letting the people in, but it would bave been more "civilised" if someone bad had the decency to say: "well folks we are sorry but you cannot go in before 21:00 hrs," instead of trying to intimidate and shove around innocent people.

Jerash festival is supposed to see Jordanian culture intermingle with other cultures but the image we gave of Jordan at the doorstep of our ancient city cannot but make me feel ashamed and apologetic towards all Jordanians and foreigners who were standing there too stunned for words, and those who made the effort to come to Jerash.

Yes it was a night to remember with a bitter sense of hurt pride, disgrace and sbame, even though Rigoletto was divine.

Muna Kassab-Nabeel

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Deep concern

I AM Italian, but consider myself a Jordanian also. I was born in Amman and my family relationship with Jordan stretches back to five generations, a relationship of love and respect. My grandmother is buried here, and I chose to come back to Jordan in my older years because this is home. The above is an explanation for the reasons of my deep concern for some incidents that just occurred, and this letter is to apologise to all Jordanians and foreigners who were caught at the South Gate of Jerash between 8:30 and 9:15 p.m. on Wednesday, July 13, on the occasion of the performance of Rigoletto. The objective was to see an opera; we in fact had to fight our way in, being part of a dense crowd on the verge of a hysterical fit, facing a tired, unkind, rough security force that had received orders and had to carry them out with very limited space for letting people in, and only one tiny prefab cubicle for the security search of women. One has to remember that approximately 1,500 tickets were sold. It was a nightmare.

I wish those foreigners and Jordanians I am addressing are going to forgive and forget the incident. This is not the true face of Jordan, and it certainly is not the face of its people, its army or police. One has always entered its borders with a sense of relief, because of its cleanliness, the kindness of the army and police, and their impeccable dress and demeanour. Could it have been the recent heat wave that provoked such ugly reactions? What is certain is that a wave of frenzy swept over the place.

I am grateful to the Jordan Times for publishing my letter, and hope the organisers of this beautiful festival will see to it that the conditions that may lead to such incidents will not repeat themselves.

Flavia Romero.

The case of Radwan Abu Ayyash: **Muzzling Palestinian journalists**

The following is a report made by Amnesty faternational on Israel's policy of administrative detention in the West Bank and Gaza Strip

Journalist from Ramallah in the West Bank. Administratively detained on

Amnesty International believes he has been detained on account of the non-violent exercise of his right to freedom of expression and association and that he has not been given an adequate opportunity to tefute the accusations against him.

Amnesty International considers Radwan Ahu Ayyash to be a prisoner of conscience and calls for his immediate and unconditional release.

Radwan Ahu Ayyash, aged 37, is a resident of Ramallah in the West Bank and is a prominent Palestinian journalist. He is a senior editor at the Palestine Press Service, an East Jerusalembased news agency, chairman of the Arab Journalists' Association and managing editor of the weekly magazine Al Awdah (The Return) which is published in East Jerusalem and is owned by the Palestine Press Service. Radwan Abu Ayyash often acts as a contact for many Western diplomatic missions and foreign correspondents in Israel and the occupied territories and was reportedly instrumental in organising the boycott hy moderate Palestinian leaders of American Secretary of

State George Shultz during Israeli law makes membership of, Shultz's visit to Israel in Sept. 1987. The week prior to his arrest Radwan Ahu Ayyasb bad hosted a British parliamentary delegauon to Israel.

implementation of the provisions

The reasons for Radwan Abu Ayyash's administrative detention given in the order itself are that it was necessary to detain him for the security of the region. No specific reasons for the order were given.

In an article in The Jerusalem Post an Israeli security official is reported as saying that the reasons for Radwan Abu Avyash's detention are that, he is one of the senior Fatch activists and he maintains connections with other Fatch activists both in the areas [ie the occupied territories] as well as abroad. He gets directives from Fateh, reports to it and gets money from it. All these actions are designed to harm public order (Al-Fateh is a faction of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) headed

by Yasser Arafat) The official is also reported as saying that Radwan Abu Ayyash had not been directly involved in violent activities and declined to specify what other illegal acts he is alleged to have undertaken. adding that the boycott of Shultz was "only a part" of the activities for which Radwan Ahu Ayyash was detained. The Israeli security official is reported as stating that the detention of Radwan Abu Ayyash had nothing to do with

his activities as a journalist. Al-Fatch is one of the factions of the PLO and is a banned organisation in Israel and the occupied territories. Although support for or activities on behalf of a hanned organisation, such as the PLO, a criminal offence, the. Israeli authorities chose in Radwan Abu Avyash's case not to submit it to normal judicial process, but to administratively detain him without formal charge or

Whilst Amnesty International is unable to ascertain whether Radwan Abu Ayyash is a member of the PLO or not, it notes that he has always denied working for the PLO, although he has expressed solidarity with the movement. Amnesty International bas no information of Radwan Ahu Ayyasb baving used or advocated violence.

Radwan Abu Ayyash was issued with a six-month town arrest order on 24 June 1984 confining him to Ramallah. He was served with the order following his attempts to travel to the U.S. along with 40 other journalists from around the world to cover the Democratic National Convention.

The restriction order stated it was issued because it was "necessary for security reasons" and because he was "a prominent PLO activist in this area, to the extent that he is working to achieve the aims of this organisation and has secret activities against the State."

In response, however, Radwan Abu Ayyash said "These charges are completely false and untrue. I am a Palestinian journalist who tries to express the mood and real feelings of his people, the Palestinians, no more and no less than this... I am a Palestinian journal-

ist who advocates negotiations and peace. I bave worked bard towards the realisation of these ideals... it is clear to me that the motive behind the town arrest bas little to do with "security" considerations, but is instead part of a general policy by the Israeli government aimed at isolating Palestinian journalists from American and other journalisis.'

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In July 1982 Radwan Ahu Avyash was arrested and quesnoned about a booklet in his possssion entitled The Palestinian Journalist, which described the activities of the Union of Arab Journalists in the occupied territories. He was interrogated and asked to sign a confession stating that he supported the PLO, had published and distributed illegal material and had attacked military censorship. He refused to sign the confession and denied the charges. He was tried in Dec. 1982 and sentenced to a fine and a three-year suspended sentence. According to Amnesty International's information this was the first and last time Radwan Ahu Ayyash has been charged or convicted of any offence.

Libya proposes fusion of five Maghreb states

ALGIERS (R) — Libya has proposed a uninn of five Maghreb states sharing a common flag, currency and defence and foreign policies.

The Libyan representative at the talks between Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Morocco and Mauritania also suggested a common leadership, or "command council," in a plan presented after the meeting npened Wednesday, conference sources said

Government ministers and officials from the five states, whn were bolding a fallnw-up meeting to their first five-way summit last month, each presented a plan for hetter regional cooperation.

The proposals are to be presented in a common document at

But diplomats were sceptical that Libya's far-reaching proposals would receive support from the four nther states.

By contrast, other proposals at the meeting were limited, focusing on increased economic cooperation, as well as free movement nf goods and people in the re-

gion, delegatinn sources said. Libya, which has pursued an unsuccessful policy of unions with other states in pursuit of an ideal nf uniting the Arah World, suggested a common flag in green, red and white, enblazoned with

stars and crescents. The five Maghreh states would also have a common currency under the Libyan plan, the

Maghreb dinar, the sources Abdul Latif Filali.

Details of the make-up and powers of the proposed "command council" were unclear, but the Libyan plan envisaged common foreign and defence policies for the five.

"We consider that unity is now possible in the Maghreb," said one Libyan delegate, adding that Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi was concentrating on uniting the western Arah World as a first step towards full Arah unity.

Algeria and Libya announced last month that a proposed uninn between their states is to be submitted to their countries in September, but sources in both delegations said this would not be in the form of referendums, as at first understood.

The proposals for union would be submitted for public debate in national media, the sources said, adding that this debate would belp decide what form any union would take.

Lihya forged mergers with Morocco and Tunisia, which col-lapsed in 1986 and 1974 respectively. Qadhafi's nther failed unions include ones with Egypt, Sudan and Syria.

Expert sub-committees are to he formed as a result of the two-day Algiers talks attended hy the number two in Algeria's ruling party, Mohammad Cherif Messaadia, Tunisian Prime Minister Hedi Baccouche and Moroccan Foreign Minister they added.

Qadhafi sent senior envoy Khouildi Hamadi and Mauritania was represented by senior government official Sidna Ould Mohammad Sidia.

The sub-committees would discuss greater cooperation in the institutinnal, economic, social and financial fields, as well as education and research.

They are due to meet in the next few manths in the various Maghreb capitals before annther high-level meeting is held in October, the sources said.

At the present talks Algeria and Tunisia laid most stress on econnmic aspects, the sources

Morocco emphasised the need for free movement of people in the reginn, possibly with a common identity card, and Mauritania made general suggestions for better coordination between

A communique issued at the end of the talks said a similar meeting would be held in Rahat

Cnnference sources said Morocco proposed at the meeting the creation of a supreme council of the five beads of state, meeting annually with a rotating pres-

It also suggested the creation of a council of foreign ministers, as well as a research group to study ways of achieving Maghreh unity.

Beilin says Shultz plan 'valid'

MADRID (AP) — The Israeli foreign ministry's top political affairs official expressed support Friday for the Middle East peace plan promoted by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz and said the next U.S. administration should take it as its point of departure to resolve conflicts in the region.

Speaking at a breakfast with reporters, Yossi Beilin insisted that Israel considered Sbultz's currently stalled initiative "valid" and said the new American administration resulting from November elections should follow up on

Beilin, the ministry's director general for political affairs, began an official visit to Spain Thursday for a series of talks with Spanish Foreign Ministry officials on the situation in the Middle East and

bilateral relations. Shamir has resisted the Shultz plan's call for resolving the Arab-Israeli conflict and the sevenmonth old Palestinian uprising in

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak

the Israeli-occupied territories through an exchange of land for

Beilin is a longtime associate of Israeli Fnreign Minister Shimon Peres, the leader of the Israeli Labour Party and a supporter of negotiating an exchange of land

for peace in the occupied terri-

Beilin said be believed no negotiated political solution to the revolt was possible until after the Israeli parliamentary elections scheduled for next

In an interview published Fti-day in Spain's leading daily El Pais, Beilin said the Palestinian revnlt had enlarged the differences within the "national unity" government formed by Sbamir's Likud coalition and the Labour Party led by Peres.

He told the paper both parties, tions with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), at least until the PLO rejects "its terrorist positions" and recognises Israel.

Spanish news reports said the timing of Beilin's visit was related to Spain's scheduled turn next

Jan. I to take over for six months the rotating presidency of the European Économic Com-

The Moroccan and Algerian foreign ministers recently, visited the Spanish capital to call on Spain "to do everything it can" within the EEC and during its presidency of the community to pusb for an international peace conference at which the PLO would serve as the sole representative of the Palestinian

Beilin told reporters Friday he believes Spain, due to its traditionally close ties with Arab countries, chuld play an important role in any peace conference to resolve the Arab-Israeli con-

On Thursday, diplomatic however, rejected direct negotia- sources said Foreign Minister Francisco Fernandez Ordonez reiterated Spain's support of selfdetermination for the Palestinian people and an international peace conference to end the Arab-Israeli conflict in a 30-minute meeting with Beilin.

> ambassador to the United Nations under former President Richard Nixon.

U.N. nfficials said they could not remember an appearance by such a high-ranking U.S. official in Security Council debate.

U.N. spokesman Francois Giuliani announced Thursday the Security Council bad agreed that council President Nogueira-Batista would draft a document in consultation with Iran and the members of the council, which include the United States.

Japanese navigation scheme gets ahead

KUWAIT (R) - Kuwait and Saudi Arabia will soon begin erecting advanced navigational beacons in a Japanese-funded scheme to help ships pick their way through dangerous Gulf

The Japanese Foreign Ministry announced earlier this week that Saudi Arabia and Kuwait had agreed to joing the project, Tokyo's contribution to international efforts to saleguard Gulf shipping from attacks by warring Iran and Iraq.

Japan imports most of its oil

from the Gulf and is the top trading partner of nearly every state along its western coast.

When the United States and Europe sent dozens of warships to the region last year, Japan came under pressure to help. Last October it offered to finance a \$10-million, Britishdesigned precise navigation system.

Shipping sources said a team from the British radar systems firm Racal had arrived in Kuwait and begun scouting sites for the beacons, which emit signals to let warshins and merchant vessels pinpoint their position with greater accuracy.

"They'll know exactly where they are at any given time," one source said. More than 70 merchant ships have come under attack so far this year hy either Iran and Iraq.

The system will be especially useful in helping ships stay clear of known mines. Systems now used in the Gulf have a margin of error as high as half a mile, the source said.

Last year's naval build-up fullnwed the discovery of dozens of mines in the waterway. Iran was widely blamed.

The sources said the solarpowered beacons, some 35 metres high and topped with red warning lights, would also help minehunters from the United States and five West European nations operate more effi-ciently by identifying exactly where they had swept,

China denies selling ballistic missiles except to S. Arabia

PEKING (Agencies) - China has assured the United States that it has not sold ballistic missiles except to Saudi Arabia, U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz said Friday.

He told reporters that no sold Silkworm missiles to Iran. agreements had been reached but the issue of missile sales was fifth largest weapons exporter in raised in his talks with top leader a bid in belp earn hard currency Deng Xianping, Communist Party chief Zhao Ziyang and Premier

Li Peng. "The Chinese told me they have not made any sales of ballistic missiles to a country other than Saudi Arabia," he said.

China revealed in March that it had sold non-nuclear mediumrange missiles to Saudi Arabia. Western military experts said these were believed to be the CSS-2, an adaptation of the lnng March-I mcket which has a range of ahout 3,200 kilometres.

The Los Angeles Times, quoting Western experts familiar with China's weapons exports, has reported from Hong Kong that a sale nf missiles tn Syria had been completed

China has denied that it offered to sell missiles to Syria and has

Peking has became the world's needed to pay for its amhitious programme of economic mod-

emisation. "I feel myself that it is very undesirable to have hallistic missile technology or ballistic missiles themselves spreading around," Shultz said.

This is a subject I brought forward to the Chinese and we discussed it at some length," he said. "We didn't come to any agreements about it but it has been warthwhile to talk about

Shultz did nnt comment on China's assurances but he added: This is a subject that will continue to be on nur agenda."

In a letter sent Thursday a

group of I11 U.S. Congressmen told Shultz to warn China that indiscriminate arms sales in the countered U.S. accusations that it Middle East would ienpardise

U.S. cooperation in technological and military matters.

On Thursday, Shultz met for mnre than three hours with Foreign Minister Qian Qichen for what the American side characterised as "a very good exchange" on such issues as Kampuchea and the proliferation of weapons sales in developing countries.

Qian had emphasised that China does not support the return of the Khmer Rnuge tn a dominant role in Kampuchea following the withdrawal of Vietnamese troops.

Shultz, in his talks with Qian and at a later hanquet speech, spoke in general terms of the dangers of introducing sophisticated weapons into the Middle East and other unstable regions.

But U.S. sources said he did nnt specifically criticise China, as he did earlier on his current Asian tnur, for selling intermediate-range hallistic missiles to Mideast countries at a time when the Soviet Uninn and the United States are eliminating such

weapons from their arsenals. "It is ironic," he said in his banquet speech, "that just as the between \$20 and \$30 hillion mainr powers are making prng-

ress in getting their arms competition under some control, the developing world is increasingly but dened by this flow of advanced weaponry.

Qian reportedly told Shulta that China, which according to U.S. figures sold about \$2 billion worth of arms last year, sells only defensive weapons that contribute to peace and regional stability.

Israeli protest

in another development. Israeli Foreign Minister Shinnon Peres protested Thursday to Britain's new ambassador to Israel about its multi-billion-dollar arms sale to Saudi Arabia, a ministry spokesman said.

The meeting, a courtesy call. was Ambassador Mark Elliott's first with Peres since taking over the post three weeks ago.

Asked if this was an official protest, foreign ministry spokesman Alnn Liel said: "Percs used the word 'protest. I don't think there is anything more official than that.

Israel says the latest British-Saudi deal, estimated to be worth

Congressmen tell Shultz Iranian opposition group offers best hope

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some less belligerent toward other 153 members of Congress have written Secretary of State George Shultz that the Iranian opposition rather than U.S. intervention offers the best hope of overtbrowing Ayatollah Rubollah Khomeini.

"It is not our role to go to war with Iran," said the letter ohtained Thursday by the AP. "We believe the ultimate solution to the Iranian problem must come from within Iran itself." said the letter. "The people of the country must remove Khomeini and the mullahs and replace them with a government that is more

bumane to its own citizens and

nearly two weeks before the July 3 U.S. downing of Iranair Flight 655 that killed all 290 people aboard. The copy of the letter bore the signatures of Democratic Senator Dennis Deconcini and representatives Jack Kemp and Helen

The letter was dated June 20.

countries of the world."

cans, and Mervyn Dymaily, a A statement from Dymally's nffice said that in the end 14 senators and 139 representatives

Delich Bentley, both Republi-

signed the letter. A Dymally spokesman, who asked not to be identified, said the statement included only those names because those members bad approved the statement and that he bad been unable to check the statement with the other signers of the letter before releasing

The statement said the administration of President Ronald Reagan bad been trying to establish a relationship with "moderate elements" of the Khomeini leadership, but that the letter was meant to stress that "a long-term solution to the problems in the Gulf is more likely to come from popular opposition to government policies within Iran than through outside efforts to stimu-

The letter said the Iranian resistance had "told us that anti- capital Khartoum in the next few

Khomeini protests have recently occurred within Iran" and noted that Iran had suffered reverses in fighting with Iraq and with the Irag-based National Liberation Army of the Mujahedeen-e-Khaiq of Iran.

response shown by the adminis- Iran 10 end the war.

tration to Iran's minings against our ships demonstrates nur resolve to protect our interests without full-scale war." it said. The members also commended

the administration for pressing its efforts for a U.N.-sponsored "The measured, yet decisive arms and oil embargo to pressure

ICRC resumes south Sudan relief

GENEVA (R) - The Interna- days for the government-held tional Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said Thursday it had begun its first major famine other thwns. relief in two years in war-torn southern Sudan.

The area has been in the grip of famine, but the difficulty of securing assurances of safe conduct from both sides in a civil war in the south has prevented the ICRC from nperating there since 1986.

The government and the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) approved a plan in late May under which food would be distributed at the same time in both government-beld and rebel

Spokesman Jurg Bischoff said a team of seven ICRC delegates left Kenya Wednesday to set up operations in rebel-held Kongor, and another team would leave the

town of Wau. Each team would then establish operations in two

"I would call this a good begin-

ning. We hope we can go on. if we get the cooperation of the parties," Bischoff told Reuter. ICRC food distribution in the area collapsed in 1986 after the SPLA shot down a Sudanese civilian airliner and refused to give safety assurances for relief arlifts. Road transport has been

tisky duting the civil war as well. In addition, the government has been reluctant to guarantee shipments of food to areas outside its control on the guarant

escorted trucks clearly marked with a Red Cross on a field of white will deliver food.

that it might find its view to the SPLA. Under the ICRC project, un-

Velayati rejects U.S. compensation offer

(Continued from page 1) eight-year-old war between Iran and Iraq and the council must do its utmost to end the conflict in accordance with its resolution adopted almost a year ago.

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No specific Shultz plan to visit region

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would include 40 F-18 jet fighter planes. The Senate has voted to block the Mavericks. Sheikh Saad said

Kuwait was a peace-loving country and wanted the arms for self-defence. "It doesn't mean we intend to invade any other country," he

Over the weekend, Kuwait announced an arms deal with the. Soviet Union. "So." Sheikh Saad said, "don't be surprised when you read tomorrow or next week or next month that Kuwait also has bought military equipment from Moscow, or Britain or

France. He also was seeing members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to try to reverse the

opposition to the Mavericks. In another development, Bassam Abu Sharif, the PLO spokesman who called recently for direct negotiations with Israel, said Wednesday he has been invited to the United States by two non-governmental institutions to

discuss Arab-Israeli peace. But Abu Sharif, an advisor to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, said he was "prepared to visit Washington to elaborate further on my paper," but admitted that the State Department bas not yet agreed to grant him a visa. In an interview with the AP in

Baghdad. Abu Sharif said the invitations came from the Washington-based Brookings institutions and the National Press Club.
Abu Sharif said the PLO's Executive Committee discussed his

paper in Tunis last week and

approved it on the basis it did not

contradict the conditions for deal-

ings with Israel - mutual, simul-

taneous recognition.

scourge of war." Birch said.
When the Security Council
opened its session Thursday. U.S. Vice-President George Bush blamed Iran for responsibility in the missile attack.

Bush did not dwell on details of the Iranair incident in his 30minute address, but defended the U.S. presence in the Gulf and the decision of the ship's captain. The critical issue confronting this body is not the how and why nf Iranair 655," Bush said."It is

the continuing refusal of Iran

to... negotiate an end to the war

with Iraq and to cease its acts of aggression against neutral sbip-ping in the Persian Gulf." Bush's appearance before the

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that Iran and the 15 members of

suspect for 7 months ATHENS (R) - A Palestinian Rashid is also suspected of hijack suspect, whose detention involvement in a bomb attack

Greece jails hijack

bloody attack on a tourist ship, was sentenced to seven months in jail Thursday for entering the

country with a false passport. A court banded down the sentence on Mobammad Rashid, 34, who is wanted by the United States for a bomb attack on a Pan American Airlines plane in 1982

which killed one person.

Greek police have been investigating the possibility that a guer-rilla assault on a Greek tourist ship Monday was staged to black-mail authorities into releasing

Rashid. Nine people were killed and 98 wounded when guerrillas opened fire with sub-machine guns and threw grenades on the pleasure boat City of Poros as it neared

Athens. Lawyers for Rashid said they would appeal against the verdict and that he would stay in prison pending the appeal. Greek offi-cials bave said they are studying an American request for extradi-

over Greece in 1986 which killed Rashid told the court: "I am a

fighter for a group that belongs to

the PLO (Palestine Liberation Organisation). My struggle is confined to the occupied lands." A police officer told the court Rashid was arrested last May. After checking his finger-prints they found be had been arrested in Athens in November 1973 for

trying to smuggle in 15 kilos of hashish. He was sentenced then to I0 years in jail but released in 1976 and left the country, the police

The Palestinian insisted that he had never been in Greece before and that his name was that given

on the forged passport -Mohammad Haddad Hallil. "Even if the passport is forged, the name is right," be told the court. "It is only natural that my passport was false. We Palestinians do not have a country.

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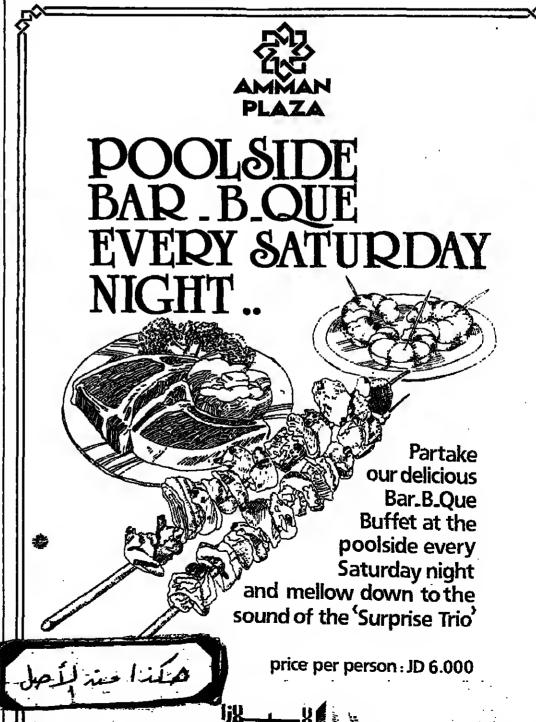
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LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on

the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Friday.

1.2072/82

1.8545/55

1.5380/90

38.76/81

2.0895/0905

6.2480/2520

1374/1375

133.88/98

6.7310/60

7.0630/80

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Italian lira (for 100)

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Japanese yen (for 100) 275.2/

U.K. sterling pound 618.4/

Trade figures boost dollar

LONDON (R) — Better-than-expected U.S. trade figures sent the dollar soaring Friday and drew renewed open market intervention by central banks anxious to brake a powerful rally by America's

That was up on April's revised \$10.3 billions, but markets had expected a trade gap around \$11.5 billions.

Wall Street stocks scaled back early gains. But in currency markets, the figures were viewed as good news for the U.S. economy and as a signal to buy more

"The market was looking for an excuse to buy the dollar and it hasn't been persuaded not lo," said Warren Oliver, U.S. economist at London brokers Phillips and Drew.

A rebound by the dollar from historic lows touched in January. which bas accelerated in recent weeks, had already taken it up to around 1.85 Deutschemarks and

Traders cited a U.S. boom and the way U.S. interest rates had been nudged higher, giving a better return on dollar assets, to dampen a risk of inflation inherent in the boom.

Friday's trade figures sent the dollar on up to quoted highs

The United States said its May around 1.88 marks and 135.35 trade deficit was \$10.93 billion. sterling shed three cenls to

\$1.6625. The U.S. Federal Reserve, West Germany's Bundesbank. the Bank of England, Swiss National Bank, and also the central banks of Australia, Belgium, Italy and the Netherlands all sold dollars to try to lame the hectic

A stronger dollar puts up the price of impons in nations outside the United States, and thus risks higher inflation.

Markets think the Reagan administration is happy to have the dollar ride high as Vice President George Bush campaigns for November's presidential elec-

But too strong a dollar risks making U.S. exports less price-competitive, which could jeopardise further efforts to narrow the still-huge trade deficit.

It was clear that the central banks had decided on concerted action to stop the dollar going too high, the dealers said.

An opening rally in New York of a point down at 2,113.26.

took the dollar as high as 1.8710 marks and 134.90 yen before the intervention calmed the latest bectic rally.

Friday's dollar highs compared with values around 1.72 marks and 125 yen five weeks ago.

And America's currency had begun 1988 in the shadow of last autumn's financial crash at historic lows — being quoted on January 4 at 1.5615 marks and 120.20

It bas risen 1g per cent against the mark and around 11 per cent against the yeo since then, and is now at its highest against the mark since last August. It has not been as strong

against the yen since December. The gold price in London's afternoon was being quoted around \$440 an ounce, somewbal

firmer from the morning. Such leading world stock markets as Tokyo and Frankfurt were closed before the United States announced the May trade figures.

In London, traders marked prices up but the rally was quickly ambushed by operators looking to any gain as a chance to cash in profits

The FTSE index of 100 blue chip British stocks in London's mid-afternoon was around 1,856 points, down seven on the day. In New York, the Dow Jones industrial average opened a third

U.S. lending rate rises

NEW YORK (AP) - Big U.S. bome-equity loans. banks raised their prime lending rate Thursday to the highest level sive loans for consumers and

It was the second boost in the key lending rate this year and reflected the banks' own costs of borrowing money, which bas been rising steadily over the past

The prime is watched closely because bankers use it as a basis for calculating loans to businesses and for determining many types of fixed and adjustable-rate con-

Chase Manbattan Bank in New York was the first to announce in more than two years, a half- the rate increase and was quickly percentage point rise to 9.5 per followed by other big banks, incent that signalled more expen- cluding Citibank, First National Bank of Chicago, Bank of New York and Manufacturers

> The last increase in the prime was on May 11, from 8.5 per cent. to nine per cent. The increase Thursday put the prime at the highest point since March 1986.

Reaction in the financial markets was muted, partly because a rise bad been widely expected.

The prime rate rise came one day after Federal Reserve Chairsumer loans, including popular man Alan Greenspan warned be dramatic.

would move to tighten credit if inflation started to accelerate. Testifying in Congress. Greenspan said that the United States' central bank "at this juncture might be well advised to err more on the side of restricove-

ness rather than stimulus." There has been growing evi-dence that infladon could rise significantly this year. Low unemployment, strains on America's productive capacities and rising commodity prices caused by the drought point to higher consumer prices in the months ahead.

Many economists bave predicted that interest rates would rise slightly this year but do not believe the increase will be

Japan to increase foreign aid

TOKYO (R) - Japan announced its biggest increase in government spending for six years Friday to meet international demands that it give more to poorer nations, and to strengthen its anned forces.

Budget guidelines announced by Finance Minister Kiicbi Miyazawa and approved at a cabinet meeting said there would be a 9.4 per cent increase in overseas development assistance (ODA) in the year starting next April.

The increase in ODA was

fairly large in line with Japan's international pledge," Miyazawa

The club of rich Western nations has demanded that Japan use more of its riches to help the

heating, and intercom.

developing world. But Prime Minister Noboru

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Takeshita surprised the group at a summit in Toronto in June by taking the initiative and pledging that Japan would lead a campaign to help some of the poorest coun-

tries wipe out their burden of Political analysts have linked Japan's new confidence in its ability to set international policy to its realisation that it cannot for

ever shelter under the wing of the U.S. armed forces. Miyazawa announced that the ary spending to grow up to 6.1

1988/89 budget would allow militper cent as Japan continues effons to increase its defence

Aid and defence are among only six special categories to escape rules under which departments must cut spending hy at least 10 per cent from the pre-

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The Japanese government has been trying for several years to cut back national debt, which in real terms is almost as bad as the huge budget deficit hanging over the United States.

For this reason, moves to reflate the Japanese economy by extra government spending to help world economic growth, wbich featured this year and last year, will be cut out next year,

The economy is expanding steadily and does not require additional measures to stimulate it, finance ministry officials said. The ministry's guidelines pro-

vide agencies and ministries with a firm indication of bow much they may ask for in their budget requests, which are due next

The budget is expected to be completed toward the end of the calendar year. The ceiling would allow total spending to grow 910 billion yen (\$6.8 billion) to around 33,890 billion yen (\$255 hillion) in 1989/90.

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Jordanian officials (left) review the social security system with Egyptian delegation: (Petra photo)

Jordanian, Egyptian officials discuss social security law

AMMAN (Petra) — Security Corporatioo (SSC)
Director General Mahdi Farhan Thursday held talks with a visitiog Egyptian ministerial delegation, currently on a visit to Jordan, to organise Egyptian man-power in Jordan and discuss their conditions on the social security

Farhan said that the SSC covers all Jordanian and non-Jordanian workers and provide them with the same rights and privileges. He noted that the number of workers covered by the social security as at the end of June 1988 was 475,000 in addition to government employees and personnel of public institutions,

municipalities and universides. The law covers all companies employing five or more people,

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (Agencies) - Saudi Arabia issued its

second denial in as many days

Thursday over oil market talk

that the kingdom intends to boost

production to meet the bill for a

recently signed multibillion-dol-

distributed by the official Saudi

Press Agency, charged that it was

the victim of an "artificial io-

brokers and their agents in the

the truth of such charges and

wishes to reaffirm its full commit

ment to its assigned level of pro-

duction by OPEC," the state-

"We find that certain circles

are still insisting on charging the

kingdom with the fall in oil prices

as a result of the British arms

deal," said the statement attri-

buted to an unidentified "re-

Wednesday, Oil Minister

Hisham Nazer issued a statement

denying talk that the kingdom

would raise its oil production to

cover the cost of the deal for

U.K.-made Tornado jet fighters,

other military equipment and

construction projects reportedly

A "memorandum of under-

standing" on the Saudi-U.K. arms deal was signed on July 3

and reports stated that Saudi Arabia intended to pay for the

worth at least \$17 billion.

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The kingdom, in a statement

lar arms deal with Britain.

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increase

On inter-Arab cooperation in the field of social security. Farhan He further said that Jordan pays indemnity to eligible labour-

said that Jordan, in its capacity as chairman of the Arab Social Security Corporations' Group. has acted as a bost for a meeting of directors during which it was agreed that an Arab union, grouping all Arab social security corporations be formed and that bilat al and joint cooperation be enhanced through bolding periodic seminars.

However, be added, Jordan seeks to expand the umbrella of social security to cover countries of the Organisation of Islamic Unity (OIC).

Farban said Jordan welcomed the establishment of an Arab

ers everywhere in the Arab World, and pointed out in this regard that Jordan gave equal rights to all Arab workers.

ers who complete two years of contributory service before their return to their home country. However, for workers who opt to leave the country before com-

pleting two years of contributory service, their entitlements could be transferred to them after the lapse of two years, subject to a written request by the labourer concerned to this effect. The Egyptian delegation is

beaded by Ambassador Mohammad Ismat Rida and groups representatives for the immigration ministry, passport department, social security system that foreign ministry and interior guarantees rights of Arab labour-

Saudis deny Ministry signs 2 contracts for Ruweished pilot project AMMAN (Petra) - The Minis-

ry of Agriculture Thursday concluded two agreements with a local consulting company and a joint venture company to carry out construction work worth JD 90,000 at the Ruweisbed pilot

Under the agreement the local company will draw up the designs and undertake the engineering studies for the services complex, and the housing units for the

project technical staff and other personnel, while the joint venture company will construct two earthdams of a capacity ranging between three and five million cubic metres to store rain water and provide drinking water for the area residents.

The agreements were signed by Agriculture Minister Marwan Al Hmoud and the two companies respective directors.

Trade union protests hit Sudan

KHARTOUM (R) — Sudan is facing a wave of trade union protests that bankers and economists say might slow down the

pace of economic reform. The Union of Accountants and Cashiers said Thursday it would start a five-day strike Saturday to press demands for improved employment terms. They said the

stoppage would cost the treasury 43.5 million pounds (\$9.5 million) in lost revenue. Members of 22 trade unions. spearheaded by the Union of Bank Employees said they planned to defy a government ban

and stage a protest march Monday against plans to privatise four state-owned commercial banks. They threatened more protests the government went ahead with its plans. State-employed

agriculturalists have already begun a 10-day strike to press for better pay. The protests followed the government's announcement last month that it planned to privatise

loss-making state enterprises, limit state subsidies to 10 essential items and lift subsidies from topquality wbeat-flour. The government said the moves were designed to revive the agriculture-based economy,

burdened by a foreign debt of nearly \$12 billion, five years of bush war against rebels in the south and persistent drought. The bankers and economists said the government's plans met

key demands set by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to give the go-ahead to major donors to belp finance a four-year economic recovery plan. They said, however, the Khar-

the base of opposition. The IMF is something of an

toum government had vet to take the politically-sensitive decision to again devalue its currency. officially fixed at 4.5 pounds to the dollar compared to 10 pounds to the dollar on Sudan's active black market.

Sudan last October devalued its currency by 44 per cent in a move that sparked street protestsin which at least six people were killed. Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi said Tuesday that while his government still hoped for an agreement with the IMF, it bad no intention to devalue further.

The bankers and economists said that while opposition to government economic policies came mainly from leftist trade and professional unions and the small Communist Party, the popular perception in Sudan of IMF-inspired policies as the cause of economic hardships could wideo

anathema in Sudan, especially among the poor majority of the urban populacion.

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

SYDNEY — The share market clawed its way back to a firmer close for the first time in three days, although brokers said trading was fairly lacklustre. The All Ordinaries index rose 6.3 to 1,622.5. TOKYO - Prices closed down after a day of wide fluctuations as investors initially tried to shrug off concerns ahead of the release of U.S. May trade figures. The Nikkei index fell 170.29 to

HONG KONG - Stocks closed off the day's lows because of sbort-covering by institutional investors ahead of the May trade figures. The Hang Seng index fell 12.26 to 2,740.70.

SINGAPORE - Stocks closed higher across the board on continued speculative buying and bargain-hunting in moderate trading. The Straits Times Industrial index rose 12.54 to 1,130.96. BOMBAY - Shares closed mixed in poor trading hit by end-of-account considerations, with state-owned financial institutions the only buyers. Associated Cement dropped 4.5 rupees to 218 and Tata Steel 7.5 to 770.

FRANKFURT - Prices ended a quite bourse with modest net gains. The Dax 30-share index rose 4.19 to 1,191.40.

ZURICH - Prices closed little changed in fairly quiet trading, with most investors staying on the sidelines before the U.S. trade data. The Swiss index rose 0.9 to 887.

PARIS - Prices started the floor session firmer in very thin trading, with many operators taking a long weekend after the Bastille day boliday.

LONDON - Share prices were mostly easier in late trading but above the lows earlier in the session, as buying for the new account boosted sentiment. At 1430 GMT, the FTSE 100 was down 6.2 at 1,857.1.

NEW YORK - Wall Street stocks turned slightly lower in mid-morning amid weak bond prices and despite a strong dollar. The market had opened firmer on a slightly smaller than expected May trade deficit. The Dow was down four at 2,110.

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Inflation rate in Britain rises to 4.6 per cent

LONDON (AP) annual consumer inflation rate rose to 4.6 per cent in June from 4.2 per cent in the previous month, the government reported Friday. The Department of Employment

said its retail price index rose 0.4 per cent in June from May, Market forecasts bad called for an annual rise of 4.3 per cent to

- Britain's 4.6 per cent and a month-to-inflation rate month rise of between 0.1 per cent to 0.4 per cent.

> The Department of Employment attributed the monthly rise to bigher prices for motor vehicles. non-seasonal foods, gasoline and clothing.

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Sports in Brief

UEFA reduces Michel's 9-match ban to 3

GENEVA (R) - Real Madrid midfielder Michel Gonzalez has had a nine-match ban reduced to three games. The European Football Union's (UEFA) appeal board Thursday also reduced a three-match ban on Real's Mexican striker Hugo Sancbez to one match. A 75,000 Swiss francs (\$50,000) fine on Real for team misbehaviour was upheld. Michel's suspension, which would have kept him out of Real's entire European Cup campaign next season, was for abusing Swiss referee Bruno Galler after the Spanish club's European Cup semifinal second leg tie at PSV Eindhoven in April. Sanchez was banned for the same offence. The five-member board, chaired by Swiss Leon Straessle, heard evidence from Micbel, Galler and Real Madrid officials in a 40-minute session. They reached their decision after a further one-and-a-half hours discussion.

Mortimore to manage Belenenses

LISBON (R) - Former Benfica manager John Mortimore will return to Portugal next season after a year's absence to take over Belenenses, the Lisbon cluh said Thursday. The 53-year-old Englishman resigned shortly after guiding Benfica to the league and cup double in 1987, an achievement eclipsed by the European Cup triumph of northern rivals Porto. Mortimore signed a two-year contract with Belenenses who finished third in the league and will join their more famous neighbours, Benfica and Sporting, in the UEFA Cup.

AOF to appeal to Cash

SYDNEY (R) — Australian Olympic officials will appeal to Pat Cash's patriotism in an attempt to persuade the former Wimhledon champion to play tennis for his country at the Seoul Olympics. Kevan Gospar, president of the Australian Olympic Federation (AOF), said he was disappointed by Cash's decision to withdraw from the Australian team but hoped he might change his mind. "He's dropped the hall on us hut maybe it's not too late to pick it up again," Gospar said, "Athletes are always responsible to themselves first hut I believe great athletes are also responsible to other people. I respect his decision as a professional but the problem could escalate with other young professional hut the problem could escalate with other young professionals modelling themselves on him and turning away from the Olympic Games.

Souness signs Everton's Stevens

LONDON (R) - Free-spending Glasgow Rangers manager Graeme Souness has taken his outlay in two years to seven million pounds sterling (\$11.8 million) with the signing of defender Gary Stevens from Everton. Stevens signed for the Scottish Premier division club for one million pounds (\$1.68 million) Thursday night. In his two years as manager, Souness has negotiated more than 30 transfer deals, hringing in top players such as present and past England internationals Terry Butcher, Chris Woods, Trevor Francis and Ray Wilkins. Stevens, also an England player, said: "I'm thrilled with this move. It's a hig challenge and I hope I can rise to it. It also gives me a chance to play in European football."

Australia renews 1996 Olympic bid

SYDNEY (AP) - Sydney will be chosen for the 1996 Olympics instead of Athens, which cannot guarantee adequate security measures, a sports official said Thursday. Boh Rowland Smith, New South Wales state sports minister said Atbens, venue of the first modero Olympics in 1896 was unlikely to be chosen as 1996 bost city by the International Olympic Federation



"A new organ-donor card. When you're gone I want to give your bad breath to a needy skunk."

Saseball Standings

NEW YORK (AP) - Major league

National League East Division

	W	L	Pet.	ĢB
New York	54	34	.614	_
Pittsburgh	50	37	.575	31/2
Montreal	46	41	.529	71/2
Chicago	45	42	.517	a1/2
SI. Louis	38	49	.437	151/2
Philadelphia	36	50	A19	17
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Los Angeles	50	36	.581	_
San Francisco	46	40	.535	4
Houston	45	43	.511	6
Cincinnati	42	46	.477	9
San Diego	40	49	.449	111/
Atlanta	30	55	.353	191/

American League East Division

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New York	50	36	.581	2
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Boston	43	42	.506	816
Cleveland	45	44	.506	a1/2
Toronto	43	46	.483	101/2
Battimore	29	60	.326	241/2

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Australia scores stunning victory over Argentina

SYDNEY (R) — Australia scored the most stunning victory in their bistory Thursday when they trounced world champions Argentina 4-I to reach the final of the Bicentennial Gold Cup tournament.

Captain Charlie Yankos sealed the socceroos' victory with two goals, the first a curling 35-metre free kick to put Australia 2-I ahead and the second a penalty in the 68th minute which brought a violent reaction from the Argen-

Australian coach Frank Arok called the result the most important moment in the last decade for Australian soccer. "We never thought in our wildest dreams we'd score four against Argentina. Throughout the week we talked of scoring one, nothing more, and then we'd defend and defend." he said.

"I'm not saying we're world beaters hut we've made the world take notice. World champions don't give away four goals too

Australia will play Brazil in Sunday's final in Sydney. Argentina will play for third place against Saudi Arahia Saturday Australia started in perfect fashion with a goal in the fourth minute from midfielder Paul Wade after the Argentine defence failed to clear a series of incursions into their penalty area. Thursday.

Sandi goalkeeper Al Shater tries in vain to save a goal from Iraqi striker Ahmad Radi (left) in

Friday's match between Iraq and Saudi Arabia

Uphill task lies ahead of Milan to become Eurochamp after 20 years

GENEVA, Switzerland (AP) --AC Milan's Dutch-powered soccer team faces a tough trek to Bulgaria as it sets out to end 20 harren years and hecome European champion again.

Spearheaded by three of the Dutch stars who won the European Championship for nations last month, the Milan side is one of the favourites to lift the Champions' Cup next May - 20 years after it last won the trophy.

Following Tuesday's draw for the three European club competitions, however, a tall first hurdle stands in the way of Rund Gullit, Marco van Basten, Frank Rijkaard and the rest of the team, in the form of the uncompromising Bulgarian champion, FC Vitosha.
Coinciding with other first
round games in the Champions,

Cup Winners' and UEFA Cup competitions, the two teams meet Sept. 7 in Sofia with the second leg in Milan Oct. 9. We know nothing of Vitosha

(formerly Levsky Spartak) and I cannot dare any prediction," said Milan's manager, Arrigo Sacchi.

STUTTGART, West Germany [Agencies] — Thomas Muster, the impressive young Austrian

tennis player who won the U.S.

Sunday, eliminated top seed Miloslav Mecir of Czechoslovakia

from the \$350,000 Stuttgart Grand

Prix tournament Thursday. He beat Mecir, a Wimhledon

semifinalist two weeks ago, 6-4,

line duel which lasted two bours

12 minutes. Muster, 20, defeated

15th seed Jordi Arrese of Spain in

Mecir was important but less so

than his victory over American

Lawson Duncan in the U.S. Pro

final, now plays ninth seed Guil-

lermo Perez-Roldan of Argentina

Emilio Sanchez of Spain 6-4, 6-3

in this third-round match

Perez-Roldan beat eighth seed

Muster, who said his win over

the second round.

in the quarterfinals.

(10-8) in a third-round base-

Mecir bows to Muster

Pro Championship in Boston attention to who he was playing.

hody.

While Milan's Dutch aces are in action in the opening round, their countrymen who play for PSV Eindhoven, the Champions' Cup holder, have a hye.

Another of the favourites, Spain's six-time titlist Real Madrid, has a comparatively easy path to the second round after being drawn against Norwegian champion Moss FK.

The first round of the Champions' Cup also has thrown up a clash of two hig European soccer names, Honved of Budapest and Glasgow Celtic, while another eye-catching pairing is East Germany's Dynamo Berlin against its West German neighbour, Werder

Porto, who won the trophy in 1987, faces the Finnish champion HJK Helsinki, while IFK Gothenhurg, which lifted the UEFA Cup two seasons ago and also is seeded, should advance past Pezoporikis Larnaca of

In the Cup Winners' Cup, holder FC Mechelen of Belgium,

Muster credited his recent success to an improved attitude and

mental training. He concentrated

on returning the hall and paid no

against 'top people," he said.
"Now I know I can beat any-

Muster, whose groundstrokes

are among the heaviest on the

Grand Prix circuit, won the first

three games to establish control

of the opening set. In the second,

he was 2-4 down hut broke hack

immediately and won on his second match point.

McNeil beats

Frazier

In Newport, Rhode Island,

second-seeded Lori McNeil over-

came five service hreaks Thurs-

day and defeated 15-year-old Amy Frazier 6-3, 6-4, in the

second mund of the \$200,000

Virginia Slims of Newport tennis

Lea Antonoplis upset seventh-

seeded Greichen Magers 6-4, 6-7 (5-7), 6-3. Antonoplis is ranked

No. 15I in the world, while Magers is ranked No. 52.

tournament.

"I used to be scared playing

which upset Ajax in last year's final, should progress to the second round at the expense of neighbouring Avenir Beggen of Luxembourg.

Mighty Barcelona, which won the Spanish Cup despite an indifferent season in the league, must travel to Iceland for the first leg of its first round match-up with Fram Reykjavik.

Barcelona, one of the world's glamour clubs, was the team fans of Derry City wanted to draw. Instead, it will cross the Irish sea

to play Cardiff City.

In the UEFA Cup, West German holder Bayer Leverkusen faces Belenenses of Lisbon in the first round, while Italy's Napoli, featuring Argentinian ace Diego Maradona, is paired with Paok Satoniki of Greece.

West German powerhouse Bayern Munich has a first round game against Legia of Warsaw, while Italy's Juventus, another of Europe's higgest names, faces the comparative unknown force of Otelul Galari of Romania.

Threat of breakaway league

recedes

LONDON (AP) - The prospect of England's top soccer clubs forming a breaksway day as officials thought over improved deals concerning TV

But they hinted that the arrival of a stimmed-down English Premier Division of around 12 teams instead of 20 might not be far away.

The fear that ten elite teams might hreak away from the 92-strong English Football League arose when they began private negotiations with the Independent TV companies (ITV).

The league's management committee, which negotiates for all 92 clubs, agreed a £39 million (\$66.3 million) deal with the publicly-funded British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)

Jordan reserves semifinal berth

By Sa'ad G. Hattar Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Jordanians regained their "lost pride" Thursday evening by edging veteran Algerians (2-1), and won a Group B ticket to the semifinals of the Fifth Arab Soccer Championship. Lebanon stayed on track, within Group A, to the top of the ten-country tournament and Syria topped Group B.

wise signalled the end of the bost country's talented squad, having lost to young Kuwaitis (1-0) and tied inexperienced Bahrainis (0-

0).
The Iraqis overpowered the Sandis (2-0) Friday evening, a day after the Saudis received their first sethack when they lost (1-0) to Lehanon. Jordan stepped up the pace from the early beginning and dominated the field for most of the match, to the cheers of approximately 25,000 capacity crowd at the Amman International Stadium. The midfielders produced a number of scoring chances to the attackers who failed to take advantage of them and all attempts in the first half went in shambles.

Nart Yadaje gave Jordan its lead in the 61st minute following ground, short passes and Jihad Abdul Mune'm sealed the victory in the 75th minute. Lgroud Rashid gave Algeria its lone goal just before Jordan's second score.

Lebanon beat Saudi Arabia (I-0) Wednesday evening, bringing to 3 its overall points from two heats. They had tied the Iraqis (1-1), the leading bopefuls to retain the cup they snatched in Ta'ef, Saudi Arabia, in 1985.

The young, fresh Lehanese displayed a flowing style and proved to match for the Saudis' fitness,

speed and manoeuvrahility.
Following Jordan's and Leha-

For Jordan, it was a feat long overdue, which could have other-The scope of competition for the cup widened to include teams of a lesser stardom, both regionally and interoationally.

Mahmoud Hmoud scored Lehanon's goal with a powerfut header in the 81st minute.

On Thursday evening, Syria stopped a Kuwaiti tide through a (1-0) victory which carned them a place in the semifinals. The goal came in the 81st minute through a header hy Abdul Qader Khardagli. The Syrians dominated the field in the first half and most of the second half.

Irac's two goals Friday came in the first half and they maintained control throughout the second half pressuring the Saudis in their

defence zone. Lehanon and Egypt, from Group A, were playing late Friday and both teams have the chance to stay in the race to the

semifinals. Iraq now tops Group A with four points from three heats. Lehanon and Egypt each has three points from two meets. Tunisia netted two points from three matches and Saudi Arahia

games. Group B is led by Syria which reserved five points from three games. Algeria follows with four points from four meets and Jordan has four points from three matches. Kuwait and Bahrain each netted two points from three non's triumphs over the weekend, games.

retained its one point from two

NHL Devils hopeful of signing Soviet star

NEW YORK (R) — Soviet captain Viacheslav Fetisov will be in a New Jersey Devils uniform next is very keen to play with the Devils." season in the considered opinion of the National Hockey League

(NHL) club's general manager. Fetisov, four times voted the best defenceman at the World Ice Hockey Championships, would be the first Soviet player to leave for North American with his country's blessing.
The Devils' Lou Lamoriello

travelled to Moscow last month Fetisov and came close, but was told he would he summoned hack after a few more details were ironed out.

"It seems as though that they are still going to stay with what they said - they will release him." Lamoriello said from his New Jersey office in a telephone interview Wednesday. "...it is just a matter of getting everything such that they are convinced this is the right thing to do."

"But there is nothing negative. Everything is very positive. I feel he will be in a Devils uniform (for the 1988-89 season). That was the

no reason to think otherwise ... be

The 29-year-old was captain of the gold medal-winning Soviet team at the Calgary Olympics. The Devils have the right to sign him if he is allowed to leave — something the Russians said they would do during the Winter Olympics in February. He is currently a member of the Soviet Central Army team.

"They (the Soviet Ice Hockey Federation) have made a decision that Fetisov will be the first player to come over," said Lamoriello. "If everything goes all right, others will probably follow."

The Devils also bave rights to another Russian star defenceman, Alexander Kasatonov. Lamoriello, however, injected

a note of caution. "Because there is no precedent, we can't be sure it's definite until it's been final-

Fetisov's signing could boost the Devils' standing in the NHL, in which the club reached the Stanley Cup semifinals this year way I felt when I left there. I have for the first time in its history.

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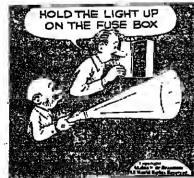
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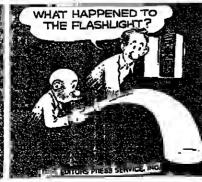


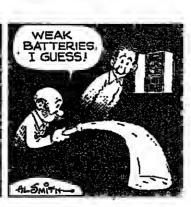




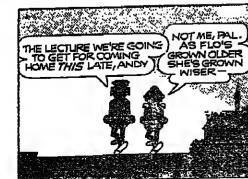
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Armenians pose fresh challenge to Moscow

MOSCOW (R) — Strikers infuriated by a Soviet television portrayal of Armenians as hooligans shut down Yerevan airport Friday in a fresh challenge to authorities seeking to quell ethnic unrest.

Armenpress news agency told Reuters from Yerevan, the Armenian capital, that airport workers had closed the facility in protest against the "one sided" programme aired Thursday

Soviet soldiers interviewed on the programme said they were hattered hy rocks and bottles when they moved into the airport to end a two-day blockade last week. A youth was shot dead and 36 people were seriously injured in the airport clashes.

"It was a one-sided, false programme aimed at discrediting the republic," the spokesman said. The airport workers reacted negatively to that programme and in protest went on strike."

No Armenians were interviewed on the programme, which morning, with many factory emwas aired after midnight by state television. One soldier, interviewed in his hospital bed, described the July 4-5 airport blockade as "a well-organised provoca-

He and other troops alleged

34 killed in Ethiopia blast

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

ADDIS ABABA (AP) — Thirty-four people were killed when their bus triggered a landmine explosion in northern Ethiopia, the

state-run Ethiopian news agency reported. The blast occurred in

an area where government troops have been fighong two separate rebellions. The news agency said 39 people also were injured in

the explosion Thursday 90 kilometres south of the Eritrean capital Asmara along the Asmara-Mekelle highway, one of Ethiopia's main northern arteries for trade and relief aid. The news agency

said the bus was completely destroyed and described the accident scene as "gruesome and horrifying."

WASHINGTON (AP) - Former U.S. President Richard Nixon

says George Bush should look to Senator Robert Dole, his former

rival for the Republican Party presidential nomination, as a running mate. Even if Busb and Dole have their differences,

Nixon said, they are twins compared to the Democratic Party

ticket of Michael Dukakis and Lloyd Bentsen, Nixon, in a memo

prepared for Bush advisors, listed three Republican vice-pres-

idential possibilities: Dole, Representative Jack Kemp of New

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) - President Junius R. Jayewar-

dene's governing United National Party (UNP) won three of four

candidates, according to results announced Friday. The UNP's

victory was expected to pave the way for general elections and a

presidential poll later this year. It is widely believed the

hy-elections were called by Jayewardene to test his party's

popularity. The ruling party won the Katugampola, Kekirawa,

and Welimada seats. It was defeated in the Ratnapura constituen-

cy by the Sri Lanka Freedom Party. The polling was held

Thursday in the four districts scattered through central Sri Lanka.

MANAGUA (AP) - The U.S. embassy announced Wednesday

it has temporarily stopped issuing tourist visas to Nicaraguans, claiming a shortage of U.S. personnel. "We just don't have

enough hodies." emhassy spokeswoman Jan Hartman said in making the announcement. The loss of U.S. diplomats stems

from the leftist Sandinista government's order Monday to expel

U.S. Amhassador Richard Melton and seven other diplomats.

WASHINGTON (R) — Attorney General Edwin Meese said Thursday he would join the Heritage Foundation and the Hoover

Institution, two conservative thinktanks, when he leaves the

Reagan Administration next month. Meese, who has been under

investigation by a special prosecutor over allegations of using his

influence to help his friends, announced last week he would resign

in late July or early August. He said a soon-to-be-released report

from independent counsel James McKay had "completely vindi-

U.S. stops issuing Nicaraguans visas

Melton left Tuesday for Washington.

Meese to join 2 thinktanks

Nixon urges Bush to pick Dole

York of California Governor George Deukmeijan.

Sri Lanka's UNP wins 3 elections

mentary by-elections with nurrow margin

A spokesman for the official that the action, staged in protest over the Nagorno-Karabakh regional dispute, had been controlled by "hooligans" and the troops acted in self-defence.

At least 36 people have died in elhnic turmoil over Nagorno-Karabakh, the Transcaucasian region which this week declared it was seceding from Azerbaijan to join Armenia. Most of its inhahitants are ethnic Armenians.

In Yerevan, Armenians have supported the region's stand through mass demonstrations and general strike called July 4. Some 200,000 people rallied in central Yerevan Thursday.

"I expect today's demonstra-tion to be even larger because of that programme." the Armen-press spokesman said. He said the city centre was calm in the ployees going to work.

It was not immediately clear whether troops would be sent back to the airport. Troops were deployed in Yerevan twice last week and then pulled back to the capital's outskirts.

The spokesman said he did not know whether the Armenian delegation to a meeting of the Praesidium of the Supreme Soviet, due to discuss the Nagorno-Karabakh crisis Monday, had managed to leave for Moscow by plane as scheduled Friday.

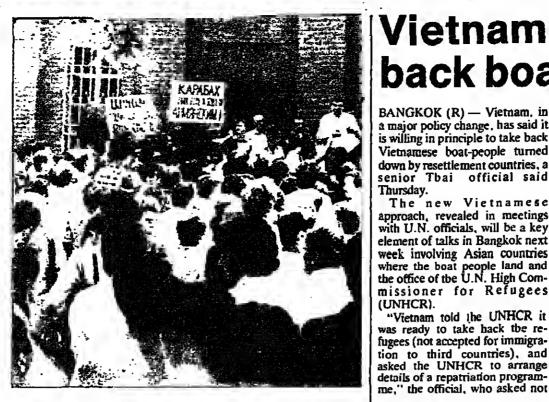
He said some speakers at the Thursday rally indicated they would accept a proposed compromise solution under which Nagorno-Karabakb would be transferred to Central Soviet control pending its joining Armenia at a later date.

Last week airport workers disagreed over Yerevan's general strike, but demonstrators from the city centre invaded the airport and prevented planes from landing or taking off. The blockade was ended when

troops forcibly evicted the de-monstrators. Khachik Zakaryan, 22, was killed by a plastic bullet and 96 people needed medical treatment.

There would have been no incidents at the airport if the demonstrators had not been provoked," the Armenpress spokesman said. He accused state television of distorting the news.

In the television documentary, called "On Events in Yerevan," the cameras panned over a collec-



Armenian protest in Moscow after the Communist Party conference

tion of knives, iron bars and chains as soldiers said they were attacked.

"We had orders to clear the airport," a uniformed officer trainee said. "Women were throwing bottles at us. The mood was extremely aggressive."

The troops, one of whom had a bandage round his head, made no mention of their use of plastic

When told by the commentator of Armenian claims that the troops stormed the airport with just three minutes' warning, they replied that announcements preceded their arrival.

A major read the text of a warning, which he said was broadcast hy loudspeakers, describing the airport blockade as an "anti-state, anti-constitution-

al" action.

Ortega warns U.S.

diplomats Tuesday were followed by something harsher. "You can expect the worst from President Reagan," Ortega

told reporters after meeting a group of war orphans in a Man-

attack or a North American inva- Thursday.

voked an emergency session of intervention in Nicaragua as the the OAS permanent council to protest the expulsion of its envoy to Washington, ordered by the White House Tuesday in retalia-(OAS) and cracked down on its tion for Nicaragua's expulsion of foes at home.

U.S. Ambassador Richard Mel-Ortega said he would not be ton and seven other American

> Nicaraguan government before the OAS.

student exchanges

warm up relations between the

South Korean Education Minister Kim Young-Shik said Friday he proposed an exchange visit and "pilgrimage" in which about 1,000 students from each nation would march across the peace.

"It would help restore a sense

declined to be identified, said the North Korean government re-fused Thursday night to agree to receive a letter Friday outlining exchanges. Roh said the plan could lead to eventual peaceful reunification.

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The (North) Korean central news agency, in a report monitored in Tokyo Friday, quoted Hanoi's Education Chief Pyong Yong Rip as chiding the south "for having refused to receive our letters (to South Korean students) three times... and (pledges) to interfere no more in the talks between the students of the North and the South."

North Korea also said govern-

South Korean President Roh Western South and the commun-

Nelson Mandela

Tributes for Mandela

IOHANNESBURG (R) - Tributes to jailed black leader Nelson Mandela poured in from overseas Friday and newspapers were packed with advertisements congratulating South Africa's most famous political prisoner on

The flood of tributes followed a oan by Pretoria on an open-air pop concert planned to mark Mandela's birthday Monday, July

Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee invoked a clause of the Internal Security Act. a key regulation under South Africa's two-yearold state of emergency, to ban the rock concert due to be beld at a pleasure resort near Johannesburg's black township of Soweto Sunday,

The ministry said in a letter to lawyers acting for the organisers:
"He is also of the opinion that he is by law not required to furnish your client with reasons for his refusal to grant permission for the concert." The organisers passed the letter to reporters.

The state of emergency bans outdoor political meetings unless they have special permission.

The anti-government Weekly Mail newspaper carried several full-page advertisements Friday with messages of support for Mandela from anti-apartheid groups in Japan. Finland, Holland and Switzerland.

The Sowetan, a daily with mainly black readership, ran a tribute to Mandela signed by 17 anti-government youth organisa-

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rockets into Kabul MOSCOW (R1 — Afghan rebels eastern neighbour Pakistan, said fired more than 20 rockets into a the 20 rockets slammed into residential area of Kabul Friday, killing 20 people and wounding 34, TASS news agency reported. in many months. It was one of the higgest recent

attacks on the Afghan capital.
"Today at 5:30 a.m. the Afghan capital was shelled again," the Soviet news agency said. "More than 20 rockets were launched into the living quarter of the city." Many huildings were damaged including a mosque,

Rebels fire twenty

Vietnam will take

back boat people

BANGKOK (R) — Vietnam, in to be identified, told Reuters.

a major policy change, has said it

is willing in principle to take back

Vietnamese boat-people turned

down by resettlement countries, a

senior Thai official said

The new Vietnamese

approach, revealed in meetings

with U.N. officials, will be a key

element of talks in Bangkok next

week involving Asian countries

missioner for Refugees

"Vietnam told the UNHCR it

was ready to take hack the re-

fugees (not accepted for immigra-

tion to third countries), and

asked the UNHCR to arrange

details of a repatriation program-

me," the official, who asked not

Thursday.

(UNHCR)

It gave no other details of the Kahul attack, hut said at least five people, including three children, had been killed in rehel assaults Thursday in the provinces of Paktiya, and Kunar,

TASS said.

Western diplomats in Islama-

Kabul might have been the biggest single assault on the capital "I do not remember any single

He said Thailand welcomed

A top regional refugee expert

visiting Bangkok, who also asked not to be identified, said that in

the past Vietnam had only said it

would consider repatriating its

citizens who went ahroad illegally

Publicly, Vietnam has consis-

Asked why Viemam was making

tently regarded the boat people

as criminals, and only a handful

this concession now, he said it

appeared Hanoi was looking to

end its international isolation and

did not want to be seen as a state

whose citizens took enormous

risks to run away in search of a

on a case by case system.

have been allowed back.

Vietnam's approach.

attack comprising 20 rockets," said one. "On a given day there have prohably heen as many as that but not in a short time-

The rocket fire followed recent reports by official Soviet and Afghan sources of a stepped-up guerrilla war against eastern areas of Afghanistan, around Kabul and near the southern city of Kandahar. Fourteen people died in car

bombings and rocket attacks on Kabul during two days last week, bad, capital of Afghanistan's according to Kahul Radio.

Gunman falls asleep in Libyan embassy

BONN, West Germany (AP) - since his escape and looked ex-For almost 12 hours police bausted during the negotiations," negotiated with a Lebanese man who pulled a pistol inside the Libyan embassy's reception room after he was denied a visa for

Finally, the gunman fell asleep and police rushed the building and took him without firing a shot, police said.

Embassy employees were able to quickly flee the huilding or run to the upper floors when the man bandful who bad been trapped on top floors were not injured.

Police identified the man as El-Ibrahim Edelbi, 22, and said he had escaped from a prison in Goettingen July 8 along with a Turkish accomplice who has been recaptured.

Edelbi was serving a three-year prison term for assault, police

"He had become very weak

said Ulrich Fischer, head of the Bonn police team that captured Edelhi. Fischer's team was able to watch Edelbi by making use of a

video camera that is a normal part of embassy security. At about 9:15 p.m. (1915 GMT), police noticed Edelbi had fallen asleep and they rushed

him, Fischer said. "Finally, he just fell asleep "He did not offer us any resistance.

Police said they did not know where Edelbi got the pistol. Edelhi was taken to a local

hospital for examination, officials Police spokesman Hans Georg

Classen said he assumed new charges would be brought against Edelhi hut that he did not know what they would be.

Key Angolan issues remain unresolved

JOHANNESBURG (AP) -South African and Cuban officials say major issues remain unresolved following diplomatic moves aimed at easing conflict in Angola and South-West Africa.

South Africa's Foreign Minister, Roelof F. Botha, said Thursday that President P.W. Botha, who are not related, will preside over a government meeting next week to decide whether to accept measures agreed upon hy dele-gates after three days of talks in New York.

A Cuban official in New York

said a U.S. mediator's assertion that agreement in principle had been reached on a Cuhan withdrawal from Angola was "inexact." This issue remained under

discussion, the Cuhan said. State Department and South African officials at the United Nations in New York, however, Thursday called it merely a mat-

ter of semantics. The officials spoke on condi-

tion of anonymity.
On Wednesday, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Chester Crock-

et said Angolan, Cuban and South African negotiators agreed on a set of principles aimed at removing Cuban troops from Angola and ending South Afri-Africa, also known as Namihia.

ets. Thousands of onlookers gathered outside Dhaka's National Press Club where actors, actresses and other film industry people hegan their strike Wednesday morning. Divided into groups of 13, each group will fast for 24 hours what they described as a week-long "relay"

LANSING, Miehigan (AP) — The last Playboy Club in the

top of his heart sequence. Declarer, who foresaw no problems, seized the opportunity for a second heart trick by playing low from dummy. He soon learned to regret that decision. East won the king of hearts and shifted to a spade, West's ten forc-ing the ace. Now declarer decided it was time to run clubs, but he received a rude shock when West showed out on the second round of the suit. Declarer had to be content with eight tricks.

Had South not succumbed to that deadly sin, greed, he would have realized that nine tricks were in the bag if East could be kept off lead. To attain that total, one heart trick and five clubs would have been

The winning line was 10 rise with the ace of hearts at trick one and run the nine of clubs. At worst, that would have lost to the jack, but the defenders would have been powerless to harm the contract. As the cards actually lay, the nine of clubs would have won and, with correct liming, declarer could have emerged with 11 tricks.



Janitor wins \$22 million

NEW YORK (R) — A 63-yearold caretaker from Puerto Rico has proved that punching a nail through the back of a lottery ocket is a great way to win millions. Candido Ortiz won \$22 million Tuesday in the New York lottery and now says be will band in his bucket and mop Friday and look for a building to buy for himself. "We had a pile of cards which I bought with my brother. I told him we should just make holes from behind, and wherever the nail hits, that's it," Ortiz told Reuters. One of the five tickets proved a windfall for Ortiz, who became the second largest winner in New York Lotto history. He will receive payments of a little over a million dollars a year for 20 years, or \$838,095 in cash after

Daily birth reminders

CAIRO (R) — President Hosni Mubarak plans to tell Egyptians twice a day that they are elocking up too many children. Two habies are added to Egypt's 52 million population every minute, according to U.N. officials who have given Muharak a "population clock" which ticks away each new birth. After receiving the clock Tuesday, Mubarak told officials to have the number of new hirths read out every day at the end of the two main radio and television news hulletins. The president frequently tells Egyptians that population growth is hampering economic development efforts.

Woman celebrates 116th birthday

CERES. California (AP) - A woman who hecame 116 years old Friday still enjoys a daily sbot or two of whiskey, according to relatives who claim she is the oldest person in the world. "She never gets sick," Yacoub Yacoub said of his aunt, Sherin Youseph Kuloo. "If she starts to get the flu, she drinks wbiskey and it goes right away." The Guinness Book of World Records lists Anna Williams of Wales, age 115 and born June 2, 1873, as the oldest person in the world. However, Kuloo's birth and baptism certificate, signed by a priest of the Holy Apostolic and Catholic Church of the east, lists her birth as July 15, 1872, in Jilo, Turkey

Bangladesh stars begin fast

DHAKA (R) — Hundreds of riot police held back crowds Wednesday when a group of film stars began a hunger strike in protest at increased taxes on cinema tickilan:

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Last Playboy club closes

United States — the 5-year-old Lansing Playboy Club in the Hilton Inn in Lansing — will close at the end of the month, the hotel's sales director said. Playboy clubs in Des Moines and Iowa closed at the end of April. The first Playboy club was opened in Chicago in 1960 by Playboy magazine pub-lisher Hugh Hefner, according to Karen Ziffra, licensing manager of Chicago-based Playboy Enterprises Incorporated in the early ca's 73-year rule over South-West | 1970s, she said, there were as many as 22 Playboy Clubs

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to term four ordinary words. **EFING** THE PROPERTY LEADING SAMESAN. PIPNY GORUME HE GAVE UP TRYING TO LEARN WRESTLING BECAUSE HE COULDN'T GET THIS. SHULOC Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon. Jumbles: SWAMP FLOOR BAKERY WIZARD Answer: What you might get from a LAZY PERSON— "NO SPRY ZEAL"

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YOUR HOROSCOPE From the Carroll Righter Institute

There are unusually beneficial in-fluences at work all day ond through the night for putting your finest talents into motion to help yourself and others. You are filled with inspiration to work hard.
ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) If you hove planned theroughly, whatever you do loday will prove advan-tageous for a long time to come. Im-

GENERAL TENDENCIES:

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press your ideas on others. TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 201 Today la a line time to try to get others to empathize with your ideals. Your eloqueoce is at a peak. Invite some triends in tonight.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 21)

You can speak very convincingly today and should divulge some information that you have held dear until now. This can be helpful to all MOON CHILDREN Juce 22 to Jul. 211 Order your priorities and make real progress on what is most important to you today. Listen to an expert who has worked for similar goals. LEO (Jul. 22 to Aog. 21 Don't be

Study your most personal needs and pursue them with confidence. Work to improve your relationship with your mate. LIBRA |Sept. 23 to Oct. 221 Keep

your activities casual today, and you can learn a lot. Be polite and charming, and later it will be easier o realize your wishes. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Get out and take some risks today

for results that are most gratifying. Do your weekend shopping early. SAGITTARIUS iNov. 22 to Dec. 2I) Look closely around you for new opportuoities that may have escaped your attention. Those of a different background can halp you. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 29) You can reach an understanding oo grave maller with your mate today. Study your business interests

carefully. AQUARIUS IJaa. 21 to Feb. 19) An unexpected opportunity for advance may come from someone very powerful today. Work on making ogreements with your

afraid to ask for help from close PISCES |Feb. 20 to Mar. 20| triends in order to get thi gs ac-complished. Personal relations are Work oo reconciling differences with those who you usually work in unusual harmony today.
VINGO lAug. 22 to Sept. 22) closely with, and the day should progress quite productively.

invasion possible MANAGUA (R) — President sion against Nicaragua," he said. Daniel Ortega Wednesday Ortega said Nicaragua had con-

Daniel Ortega Wednesday warned of possible U.S. military left-wing government called for an urgent meeting of the Organisation of American States

surprised if Washington's tit-for- diplomats. tat expulsion of eight Nicaraguan

Nicaragua argues its envoy, Carlos Tunnermann, is not obliged to leave the United States because he also represents the

agua park.

"There could he an aerial OAS would debate the issue

N. Korea rejects

SEOUL (AP) — North Korea has turned down a South Korean proposal for student exchange visits to help ease tension and

countries. other's territory to promote

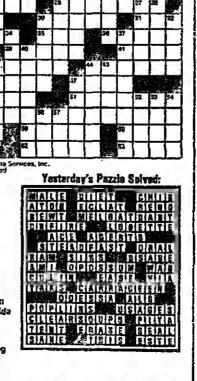
of national trust and identity among the young generations and provide a foothold for multilateral nation exchanges," Kim said in a nationally broadcast speech. South Korean officials, who

ments should leave such studen exchanges to students. Tae-Woo last week unveiled another plan intended to end the

confrontation between the proist North by broad political, trade, cultural and humanitarian













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